

MINISTRY MATTERS FROM OUR DIOCESE



Welcome to Ministry Matters from the Diocese of Truro ministry team

Updating you on diocesan ministry news, together with information and links to internal and external learning opportunities

CMD PROGRAMME 2025

Sessions for clergy and Readers/LLMs available to book now

FEBRUARY

Vulnerability to Burnout: How to measure it and how to minimize it

Thursday 27 February

10.00-11.30am, online

Led by the Revd Prof Andrew Village

This session introduces the Francis Burnout Inventory, a measure of clergy work-related psychological health. It is based on the notion of 'balanced affect', which suggests that emotional exhaustion in ministry can be partly offset by satisfaction in ministry.

Andrew Village is a retired priest and professor emeritus at York St John University.

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MARCH & APRIL

Two Mornings with St John

Part 1: Thursday 6 March

Part 2: Thursday 3 April

10.30am-1.30pm, Epiphany House

Led by the Revd Dr Robert Evans

The Gospel of John has given us some of our key understanding of Christology, and also of the Holy Spirit. We will explore these, across two mornings, and the context they come from, and why this gospel seems, in some ways, different from the other three.

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BISHOPS' STUDY DAYS
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7 May 2025

Tuesday 4 November 2025

Ministry in Times of Turbulence, Confusion, Change and Loss

Tuesday 18 March

9.30am-3.30pm, Epiphany House

Led by the Revd Howard Peskett

Jeremiah is the longest and perhaps, the most passionate book in the Bible. Jeremiah was a man in violent struggle with his vocation to be a prophet. He wrote about God's sizzling anger and judgement and his everlasting love. We will spend this day reading and listening to some of what Jeremiah wrote and learning from him how to be more steadfast, ministering in uncertain times.

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JUNE

Exporting Anglicanism: Missionary problems at home and abroad

Thursday 12 June

10.30am-12.00pm, online.

Led by Canon Professor Mark Chapman

Mark Chapman will explore some of the problems that emerged in the early years of the twentieth century in the mission field, with a focus on East Africa. He will focus on the great but intransigent Anglo-Catholic Bishop of Zanzibar Frank Weston and how he found himself in conflict with more evangelical expressions of Anglicanism. This session will look at how these old disputes continue to affect the Anglican Communion and even the Church of England.

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MESSAGE FROM ISAAC MCNISH, HEAD OF MINISTRY

Dear friends,

As we journey through this new year together, I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself as your new Head of Ministry. Having joined the team in December, I'm thrilled to be part of the Diocese of Truro and to support the incredible work you're doing.



I'm passionate about the mission and ministry of the church in our diocese and am eager to learn from your experiences and insights. Whether it's over Zoom or (even better) a cream tea, I'd love the opportunity to meet with you and hear about your joys and challenges in ministry.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to connect. I'm here to listen, support, and work alongside you as we serve our communities together.

Looking forward to our paths crossing soon,

Isaac McNish
Head of Ministry

TRANSFORMATIONAL GROUP COACHING

Is 2025 the year you want to invest in your wellbeing and ministry—or address common clergy challenges like stress, isolation, or balancing ministry with personal wellbeing? Then why not use your CMD budget for Transformational Group Coaching?



Transformational Group Coaching is designed exclusively to consider the wellbeing challenges clergy and Christian leaders often face. It provides a supportive and reflective space to explore evidence-based themes. Joining one of these small groups for six weekly sessions could help you build resilience, foster authentic leadership, and empower you to flourish in your calling.

Clergy who have previously participated report:

Renewed sense of purpose and joy in ministry – navigating common feelings of burnout or disillusionment.

Feeling more energised and better equipped to manage demands – countering stress and the overwhelming nature of ministry.

Greater autonomy, supported by accountability that fosters growth through shared learning and reflection – tackling isolation while encouraging independent, confident decision-making.

Improved ability to reflect on and adapt to challenges in a supportive environment – providing tools to navigate complex or difficult situations with clarity.

Strengthened connections with others who share their faith and calling – combating the loneliness and apathy clergy and christian ministry leaders can experience.

Spring 2025 Groups

- Group A: Tuesdays, 10am–12pm (May 13–June 17)
- Group B: Wednesdays, 1pm–3pm (May 14–June 18)

Autumn 2025 Groups

- Group C: Mondays, 10am–12pm (Sept 15–Oct 20)
- Group D: Tuesdays, 1pm–3pm (Sept 16–Oct 21)

Spaces are limited, so secure your place today!

For more information about using your annual CMD budget or to register, contact [Melanie Pomeroy](#)

FORTHCOMING PIONEERING EVENTS



Jesus the Pioneer - Mission Shed Saturday 8 March, 10.00am-3.00pm, Old Deanery, Exeter

Hosted by the Diocese of Exeter, in collaboration with Truro and Bristol Dioceses alongside the CMS South West Hub.

Bishop Mike Harrison will kick off the day with an introduction to the Mixed Ecology Church, and his take on pioneering and fresh expressions. Mike will be followed by Revd Tina Hodgett who is a pioneer, priest, and advocate for pioneering forms of church, committed to fostering an ecosystem where the existing time-honoured forms of church and emerging expressions of church flourish together. She has a track record of catalysing newness and is the leader of the CMS Southwest Hub in Pioneer Mission, co-creator of the Pioneer Spectrum and co-founder of a small start-up training organisation called Pioneering Parishes.

The afternoon workshops will be just as inspiring, including contributions from:

Hazelnut Community Farm is a worshipping community that has social innovation, economic inclusion, political and spiritual transformation at its heart. They will explore how to connect with creation and address the reality of the climate emergency.

The Church Mission Society (CMS) is an Anglican society working with Christians around the world. Known for its position in the world of mission and pioneer practice. Book a place [here](#)

Save the Date
TALKING PIONEERING
Wednesday 4th June,
venue tbc.



An in-person exploration of pioneering including, theology, pilgrimage, and an immersive evening meal experience. Hosted in collaboration with CMS and Truro diocese.

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

LiCC

Pastoral Care For Every Day, Not Just Bad Days

February, 3, online

[More info here](#)

Sarum College

Disability Theology: Theory and Practice

February, 6, online

[More info here](#)

Sheldon Retreat

Send my Roots Rain, led by Christopher Chapman

February 17-21, Sheldon

[More info here](#)

Church Support Webinar

Supporting Volunteers for work with children, young people and families

February 24, 2pm, online

[More info here](#)

Recruiting volunteers for children's and youth ministry

March 31, 11am, online

[More info here](#)

The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion

Origins of Life Research: A New Nexus for Natural Theology?

March, 11, online

[More info here](#)

Faraday Institute Summer Course 2025: Science, Religion and Justice

June, 30 - July, 4, Cambridge and online

[More info here](#)

St Luke's for Clergy Wellbeing Clergy Wellbeing Conference

September, 24, Birmingham

[More info here](#)

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Epiphany House Retreat The Woman at the Well, with Donna Worthington

October, 24-26, Truro

[More info here](#)

[More external courses here](#)

CLERGY MOVES

The Revd Christopher Butler moving from Holy Trinity Ripon in the Diocese of Leeds is to be Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Gulval and Madron in the Diocese of Truro. Licensed on 26th January 2025 at Madron Church by the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans and Acting Bishop of Truro.

The Revd Lesley Jane Selman at present Assistant Curate of the Benefices of Menheniot, St Cleer, and St Ive & Pensilva with Quethiock in the Diocese of Truro is to be Priest in Charge of the Benefices of Menheniot, St Cleer, St Ive & Pensilva with Quethiock. She will be licensed on 4th February 2025 by the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans and Acting Bishop of Truro.

The Revd Stephen Edward Williams, at present Associate Priest of the Camelside Benefice in the Diocese of Truro, is to be Priest in Charge of the Benefice of St Goran with St Michael Caerhays, Assistant Curate of the Benefice of St Mewan, Mevagissey and St Ewe and Assistant Curate of the Benefice of St Austell. He will be licensed on 17th February 2025 by the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans and Acting Bishop of Truro.

SAFEGUARDING

RECOGNISE

RESPOND

RECORD

REPORT

CHALLENGING THE MYTH: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

TRURO CATHEDRAL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
10.30AM - 3PM

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CLERGY WELLBEING

Pyncombe Charity Grants

The Pyncombe Charity has a modest annual income specifically to give financial help to serving Church of England Clergy carrying the Bishop's licence. This includes office holding clergy and those with PtO.

Grants may be sought (usually up to £1,000) in times of difficulty due to illness, injury or other special circumstances relating to yourself, or your immediate family resident with you, although anything relating to education is excluded.

For an application form, please contact **Rachael Varney** in the Bishop's Office as soon as possible so that applications can be countersigned by Bishop Hugh if supported, and submitted by the charity's deadline of 1st April.

SENS KERNEWEK 2025

Applications open now

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Thank you from Sally Piper

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for all the cards, greetings, gifts and generous words said, and written, at the time of my retirement. It was completely overwhelming.

It has been a wonderful privilege to know you and to work with you over the years and I am so grateful to God, and to you, for the love and support you have given to me.

Please pray for me, as I will for you, that God may continue to richly bless us all as we journey on with him.

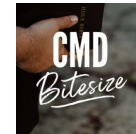
With much love, Sally

FOUNDATIONS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

New cohort begins in September

Applications open now

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Talking Safeguarding

In the latest CMD Bitesize podcast, Rebecca Evans talks to the diocesan Head of Safeguarding Andy Earl,

Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Officer Lora Prynne, Bishop Hugh Nelson and Martin Christmas-Nelson, Interim Head of Sexual Violence Services at First Light Cornwall.

If you need support, please visit our website [here](#).



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