

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

LOCAL LAY LEADER TRAINING

We are currently inviting applications for the next cohort of Sens Kernewek, beginning this year.

Sens Kernewek is a community of people exploring a call to local church leadership. The course is designed to be an innovative, communal learning experience, with a clear focus on training people for local church leadership.

Those who take part in Sens Kernewek will be equipped to lead an individual church as part of collaborative clusters or groups. They will be responsible for leading the faithful in mission, worship and service within a specific local community, under the oversight of an incumbent or parish priest.

The sessions are based on the description of the very earliest church in Acts 2:42, who 'devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer'.

Sens Kernewek meetings take place approximately once a fortnight on week night evenings for a total of 13 sessions.

The programme focuses on learning scripturally and theologically from our



lived experience, sharing together in Bible study and prayer.

Participants will already be active leaders in their church communities. Do you know someone that may be interested? If so, please contact **Mel Pomeroy** or **Isaac McNish** for more information.



We are also welcoming applications from those who would like to join the next Foundations in Christian Ministry course that will run from September 2025 to June 2026.

This one-year part-time programme of formational study will provide space for people to explore their vocation and grow in Christ.

Participants will learn about the Bible, theology, spirituality, pastoral care and mission and they'll enjoy the fellowship of other Christians at the Saturday Study Days.

Please share this information with anyone who may be thinking about what new ministries God might be calling them into.

For more information and an application form please get in touch with **Mel Pomeroy** or **Lydia Remick**.

SAVE THE DATES! BISHOPS' STUDY DAYS

Please save the date of the **Bishop's Study Day on Wednesday, 7 May, 2025.**

All clergy are invited to participate in this day of reflection and renewal. The format will be different from our usual gatherings, with opportunities for both individual and communal engagement.

Further details, including options for participation, will be provided soon.

Tuesday, 4 November, 2025
This Bishops' Study Day will be at **The Pavilion Centre, Wadebridge**



You can listen to these and all our podcasts [here](#).

CMD PROGRAMME

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.

[BOOK HERE](#)

AI and the Church – being in the world but not of it

Tuesday 17 June
12.00pm-1.30pm, online
Led by Patricia Shaw

This session will explore the complex relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and faith in a society where AI is increasingly ubiquitous.

Patricia Shaw will guide participants through a thought-provoking journey examining AI from three critical perspectives:

- AI in the World;
- AI in the Church; and
- AI in our Society.

As Christians navigating these technological waters, the webinar will also provide an opportunity to discuss perhaps some of the benefits and challenges you have already faced, and discuss how to approach AI with wisdom and discernment.

This timely conversation will equip church leaders to engage thoughtfully with AI while maintaining our distinct Christian values and identity.

Patricia Shaw is CEO of Beyond Reach Consulting Limited advising internationally on AI and data ethics, policy, governance, and law. She has over 20 years' experience in data, technology and regulatory/government affairs and is a qualified Solicitor in England and the Republic of Ireland, and currently chairs the Society for Computers and Law and is on the board of ITechlaw.

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Funeral Ministry (for Readers/LLMs)

Saturday 5 July
10.30am-3.30pm, Epiphany House

All Readers/LLMs are welcome to come along to this Funeral Ministry training day. Sessions will include pastoral care of the grieving, liturgy and services, and working with a funeral director.

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Transformissional Coaching

Dates starting in September
Led by Niky Dix

Transformissional 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.

[REGISTER YOUR INTEREST](#)

Understanding Christianity Resource for Schools

Wednesday 8 October,
1.00pm-3.00pm, online
Led by teachers, Felicity Henchley & Nicki Bonell

This session is designed for Clergy and anyone who wants to gain an understanding of how RE is taught in schools. Understanding Christianity is a whole school approach.

Pupils from 4-14 years explore the significant theological concepts within Christianity as part of developing their wider religious, theological and cultural literacy.

Join this session for an overview of this fantastic teaching resource with details about how it teaches Christianity to children across the different age ranges.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Using a Smart Phone for Listening to and Studying the Bible

Thursday 9 October,
9.30am-12.30pm, Epiphany House
Led by the Revd Howard Peskett

This is a hands-on workshop for those who are NOT experts with a Smart-phone. We will demonstrate and practise using the phone for reading the Bible, listening to the Bible (many languages are available), practising Lectio Divina (meditating on the Bible) and having on our smartphones one or two apps which may help us in talking about the faith with our grandchildren.

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EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sarum College
Slavery, Reparations, and Theology
May 8, online

[More info here](#)

Diocese of Bristol
Mission in a Strange New World
May, 17, Bristol

[More info here](#)

Reconciliation Initiatives
Being Missional Today
Disruption, Liminality & Reconciliation

June, 10, Coventry

[More info here](#)

Sarum College
Growing Faith
June, 12, Salisbury

[More info here](#)

Retreat Association Conference
Creative Encounters:
Exploring Imaginative Paths to God
June, 16-19, The Hayes, Derbyshire

[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](#)

Epiphany House Retreat
The Woman at the Well,
with Donna Worthington
October, 24-26, Truro

[More info here](#)

[More external courses here](#)



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CLERGY WELLBEING

Clergy Wellbeing Survey

A huge thank you from the Clergy Wellbeing Group to everyone who completed the survey. We had a really good response rate of 71% and will be sharing the results with you all soon.

Retreats for 2025

Here is just a selection of the variety of retreats taking place at centres in the southwest.

Ammerdown Retreat Centre

Poetry to Ease the Mind, 28 June 2025

An opportunity to experience a range of hopeful and uplifting poetry and a chance to rest and reflect.

Lee Abbey Christian Community

Reboot Your Leadership, 7-11 July 2025

Explore leading through creating a life-giving culture, getting the right stuff done, navigating change, building outstanding teams, and handling conflict with confidence. Gather with leaders from church, charity and business to reflect and be refreshed in a safe, prayerful, inspiring, relaxed space.



VENTURE BEYOND GAP YEAR

Heatree Activity Centre in Devon has partnered with SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) to offer a gap year opportunity for 18-25 year olds. This is a great opportunity for young adults to gain knowledge, experiences, and techniques to work alongside young people.

The students will be part of the SWYM

Sheldon Retreat Centre

Strong in Love, Peaceful and Restful,

4-8 August 2025

Explore the gift of Julian of Norwich, in the spacious and beautiful setting of Sheldon. The title - Strong in love, peaceful and restful - comes from the closing of the Short Text of Julian's Revelations of Divine Love and will be the focus of this retreat.

The retreat will offer a spacious mix of teaching, stillness and contemplative prayer, with suggestions for photography and creative attention to the beautiful land and sky-scapes at Sheldon.

Don't forget you can use your annual CMD grant of £250 to put towards the cost of a retreat.

ID Badges for Clergy

If you would like an official Diocese of Truro photo ID badge for when you are out and about please email **Ian Knuckey**, Operations Manager. The badges come with a lanyard and some basic information (e.g. name, role).

family but will live and serve at Heatree. They will use the outdoors as a classroom to put theory into action and have amazing outdoor adventures that draw them closer to Christ.

If you know of any young people that may be interested in the opportunity there is more information available on the SWYM [website here](#).

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ADVICE FIRST AID

Advice First Aid is a new service from Citizens Advice Cornwall. It's a one day course (10am-4pm) suitable for anyone who has interaction with people who need support, no advice knowledge or background is necessary.

It provides training in how to support people by listening to them, glean key information about their situation and being able to inform them of local and national agencies who offer support.

Participants will receive a booklet which supports the training and badge on completion of the course.

There are currently spaces on the following date:

Thursday 24 April, Truro Library Meeting Room (10am-4pm).

To book a place please email: training@cacornwall.org.uk

If you are interested but unable to make the date above please register your interest by email with **Mel Pomery**.

With sufficient numbers we may be able to hold the training in-house.

BOOKS AVAILABLE

The Oasis Centre in St Columb Major has a number of books they would like to rehome. Here is a list of the **books available**.

If you are interested in any of the books please get in touch with Nicki Rayment, Administration Manager, directly by email adminmanager@oasiscentre-cornwall.org.uk or by phone 01637 889682



SWMTC

Do you love theology and want to study and learn more, but don't have the time to take on full-time studies? Why not apply to study with South West Ministry Training Course.

Successful candidates will complete either a Certificate or Diploma in Higher Education (CertHE or DipHE) or our BA in Theology, Ministry and Mission, validated by Durham University.

[Learn more here](#)



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