

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

CONTINUING MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR 2026

Training for clergy and Readers/LLMs available to book now

Understanding Christianity Resource for Schools

**Thursday 12 February,
1pm-3pm, online**

**Led by teachers, Felicity Henchley &
Nicki Bonell**

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

[BOOK HERE](#)

Funeral Ministry for Readers/LLMs **Saturday 7 March, 9.45am-12.30pm** **Old Cathedral School**

This half day training session is open to all Licensed Lay Ministers. Sessions will explore the liturgy and pastoral practice of funerals, helping you to develop the confidence and skills needed to accompany the bereaved with compassion and sensitivity.

[BOOK HERE](#)

150 Years of Mothers' Union

**Thursday 12 March,
10am-12pm, Epiphany House**
Led by members of MU

Mothers' Union will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2026, a milestone that marks its founding in 1876. Hear about the work they are already doing and what they can do for you in your benefices.

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An Introduction to Diocesan Communications for Clergy

**Tuesday 17 March,
10am-10.30am, online**

Join Kelly Rowe, diocesan Head of Communications to find out how the team can help you in your ministry. Kelly will point you towards useful resources on the website, discuss challenges you may encounter in your role and answer any questions you may have.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Lessons for 'Mission and Ministry' from New Testament congregations

**Wednesday 29 April,
10.30am-1.30pm, Epiphany House**
Led by the Revd Dr Robert Evans

Our diocese is developing new patterns of ministry. The different circumstances of New Testament communities give us a number of patterns of leadership, of team ministries, of 'local leaders' and trans-local organisation. Which of them can we learn from?

[BOOK HERE](#)

Leading and Managing People in Ministry - Empowering people, honouring difference, serving together

**Tuesday 12 May,
10am-1.30pm, Epiphany House**
Led by the Revd Helen Baber

Whether you are an ordained or licensed lay leader, this course is for anyone responsible for leading others in a Church of England Benefice setting. This course invites you to grow in your leadership by exploring how your individual style impacts the teams you lead, how to value the differences in others, and how to build high-functioning teams that reflect the body of Christ in action.

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Loss & Bereavement Awareness

**Tuesday 2 June,
10.15am-12.45pm, online**
Led by Cruse Bereavement Support

The webinar will explore the many factors that shape the grieving process, how different influences affect grief, and help you to build the skills to communicate with bereaved people. The session will help you to develop confidence in talking about difficult or sensitive topics, while increasing your awareness of how grief impacts individuals — and how to look after yourself as you support others.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Bishop's Study Day - The Mission of God and the Mission of the People of God **Wednesday 6 May, 9.30am-4.30pm, The Pavilion Centre Wadebridge**

We will be joined by Kiera Phyo, Reconciling Leaders Network Director to the Archbishop of Canterbury.
Booking details to be sent by invitation.

LAUNCH OF 360 COMMUNITY BY SWYM

What an amazing privilege it was to spend the last two days with an amazing group of children/youth and families ministers/leads from right across the SW as they officially launched the 360 Community. The new resources kicked off a year of resources with a two day retreat/treat at the Imperial Hotel in Torquay. A space to encourage, create connection, support and inspiration for what can be an isolating role.

With support from the National Church of England were able to send 10 children/youth and families ministers from across the diocese and want to encourage churches to build this wrap-around package of support to all employed workers (whether part or full time) who are working in our parishes doing CYF work.

The two days consisted of spaces to worship, pray and gather around Scripture with also time to rest, have a prayer appointment if requested as well as walk, reflect, eat and connect with others doing the same sort of work from right across the South West.

To hear someone say at the end of the retreat that they 'had got to the point just before this of throwing in the towel and yet over the last two days found connection and returns back to church feeling full.'

Paul Friend, Director of SWYM, said: "That is what the 360 Community is all about - it's so important to create space to stop, connect and receive.



These roles are often undervalued or not given the input and encouragement needed to enable leaders to be healthy and to go the long haul in their vocation. We are so excited to go on the journey with this amazing group of people in partnership with all six dioceses and other denominations across the region."

Now the retreat has finished the other resources roll out for the year including weekly online prayer moments, an annual conversation with line managers and the worker, learning communities, professional development training and small groups and more.

The 360 Community isn't a course or an event but a community to belong to.

To find out more visit the SWYM [website here](#).

If you are interested in taking part, please contact [Jonny Lewis](#).

EXTERNAL TRAINING

Church Support Hub
 Prioritising ministry with children, young people and families
 February, 12, online
[More info here](#)

Digital Labs
 Special Webinar: Digital Giving at Lent and Easter
 February, 17, online
[More info here](#)

Dr Ruth Perrin - St John's College, Durham University
 Millennial Resilient Faith Webinar
 February, 17, online
[More info here](#)

The British Association for Psychological Type
 Jung & the Brain
 Conversation with Iain McGilchrist
 February, 17, online
[More info here](#)

The Faraday Institute for Science & Religion
 Prof. Ken Dark – 21st Century Archaeological Research and Early Christianity
 February, 24, hybrid
[More info here](#)

ReSource
 Lunchtime Conversations - Blessings and Blind Spots
 March, 4, online
[More info here](#)

CPAS
 Walking Alongside: School-Church Partnerships that Support Families Through Life's Transitions
 March, 4, online
[More info here](#)

The Arthur Rank Centre
 Rural Mission & Ministry Courses
 May, 19-20, Yarnfield
[More info here](#)

Retreat Association
 Summer Event 2026
 'Going Upstream': integrity and hope in dark days
 June, 22, Southwark Cathedral
[More info here](#)

Cranmer Hall, Durham
 Power and Planting
 July, 6-8, Durham
[More info here](#)

COURAGEOUS CHURCHES CONFERENCE

3-4 MAR | BODMIN

A partnership between Bodmin Way and HeartEdge has brought together a panel of national and international specialists to discuss how churches can make a more substantial impact in health and community.

[BOOK A PLACE HERE](#)



CLERGY MOVES

Below is an update on clergy announcements in the diocese. Please note, some of these are planned moves and may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Revd Sarah Bick at present Vicar of the Benefice of Coleford, Staunton, Newland, Redbrook and Clearwell, in the Diocese of Gloucester is to be Priest in Charge (with oversight responsibilities) of the Waterside Benefice. She will be licensed at a place and on a date to be arranged.

Revd Shona Hoad was licensed as Priest in Charge of Fowey on 29 January 2026. She continues as Priest in Charge of St Sampson (or Golant) and Tywardreath.

Revd Jacqueline Joy Wise, at present Chaplain to St John's Foundation and also Magdalen Chapel, Holloway, Bath in the diocese of Bath and Wells, is to be Priest in Charge (with oversight responsibility) of the Benefice of St Mary's with St Paul & St John the Baptist in Penzance, the Benefice of Newlyn and the Benefice of Paul in the Diocese of Truro. She will be licensed at a place and on a date to be arranged.

Revd David Wesley Smith, at present Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Lann Pydar in the Diocese of Truro, is to be Priest in Charge with oversight responsibilities of the Benefice of All Saints Highertown & Baldhu in the Diocese of Truro. He will be licensed at a place and on a date to be arranged.

Revd Simon Bone was instituted as Rector with oversight responsibilities for the Benefice of Lostwithiel parishes on 12 January 2026.

CLERGY PERSON SOUGHT FOR KEY DIOCESAN GOVERNANCE ROLE

The Finance, Assets and Risk Committee is a sub committee of the Bishop's Diocesan Council (the Board) and has delegated responsibility for monitoring the use of diocesan funds and resources.

The committee has five existing members, two of whom are qualified accountants, so whilst financial acumen and experience in a relevant area is required, being an accountant is not.

We are keen to recruit a member of clergy. This would bring a key perspective to the work of the committee as it makes decisions and

recommendations on matters such as the Mission and Ministry Fund; resources of plans and strategy; and use of assets.

The committee meets seven times a year, usually at 9am on a Wednesday. All but one meeting is online only. We cover travel expenses, childcare and other items to enable people to participate.

If you would like to find out more about this committee and/or put yourself forward to be considered as a member please email **Kate Cortez** or call her on 01872 360023.

CALLING FACILITATORS

The Ministry Team is currently exploring ways of accompanying and journeying with parishes, providing resources and encouragement.

We are seeking facilitators who would be interested in working with us. To find out more or to register your interest please contact Rebecca Evans by **email**.



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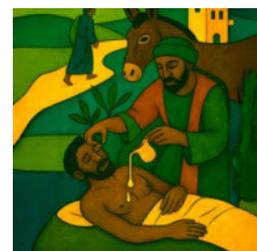
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RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

FEBRUARY, 8, 2026



Resources from Churches Together in Britain & Ireland are available **here**.