

# 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

## CORNERSTONE LAUNCHING SOON

The Generous Giving Team are pleased to announce that we will shortly be launching "Cornerstone" in Truro Diocese. We are looking for 10-15 churches who would like to take part in this programme and would love to hear from you if you are interested.

### So what is Cornerstone?

The ministry and mission of parish churches is mostly funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it through money, time and talents. But when times are tough, financial struggles can seem overwhelming. Cornerstone has been developed by the National Giving Team, with the aim that it will take you on a journey to understand your church's giving culture and financial situation. It aims to leave you with clear, simple steps to grow giving and income.

### How does it work?

Cornerstone is supported by an online platform that helps show the areas where you can focus your resources to get the best results. The platform has easy to follow step-by-step actions which are called Pathways, focusing on different areas of giving and generosity.



## CORNERSTONE

Your Generous Giving Advisor will help you to identify areas of giving practice and choose the pathways which are useful to meet the needs of your church and to build on the great work you already do. Cornerstone also includes a comprehensive grants database.

If you would like to register your interest in joining the programme please click here: [Diocese of Truro - Cornerstone](#)

**Sign up** and fill in the short form, by 6 April 2026. We will then let you know if you have been successful and you will be asked to register to attend some webinars and workshops to train you in how to use Cornerstone.

Please get in touch with, **Christine Salaman**, Generous Giving Advisor, for more information and to ask for our comprehensive project pack.

## THY KINGDOM COME RESOURCES

This year's Thy Kingdom Come is all about the presence of God. The God who is with us in the everyday – in the joys and sorrows of life.

There will be Thy Kingdom Come resources available to collect at the Chrism Eucharist on Maundy Thursday. Available on a first come, first served basis. Resources available will be:

- Novena, written by The Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally
- Prayer Journal, written by the Reverend Canon Chris Russell.

Visit the Thy Kingdom Come [website](#) for more information about the resources for 2026.



## GOOD FRIDAY OFFERINGS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

For over 130 years, Anglican church congregations have supported the Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East through the Good Friday Offering, showing their support for the presence and witness of Christians in the region.

This year, as the situation in Israel/Palestine remains in the news and

on our hearts, the Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association invites parishes to dedicate a Good Friday Offering to support the Diocese of Jerusalem as part of the Al Ahli Hospital, Gaza Appeal.

Although it may be late in the day for Good Friday, you may want to consider

this for a special Easter collection or later in the year.

For more information for your prayers and on how to donate, visit the [website here](#).

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**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?

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## BISHOP'S STUDY DAY

**Reconciliation as Mission**

**Wednesday 6 May,**  
**9.30am-4.30pm,**

**The Pavilion Centre, Wadebridge**

In a turbulent and fractured landscape where issues around politics, national identity and misinformation are impacting communities, families, schools and churches, this interactive day will consider 'Reconciliation as mission' exploring themes of polarisation, hospitality and belonging, alongside the 4th Mark of Mission.

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**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.

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**1 Day First Aid Course**

**16 October 2026, Old Cathedral School**  
**10 November 2026, Chapter House**  
**11 December 2026, Old Cathedral School**

This certified, one-day, first aid course is open to all licensed clergy. The course will provide practical skills and confidence to help respond effectively in an emergency. There are a maximum number of places available on each of the dates above.

Please register your interest with the [Ministry Team](#).



## PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

We would like to ask for your prayers for those to be ordained this year and for the growth of all vocations in our churches.

On June 26th we will ordain as Deacon: Esther Sardar; Hannah Wicks; Jan Fisher; Jason Hoole-Jackson; Joel Dougan-Davies; Liz Lane; Lydia Remick; Lynne Ashley-Emerly; Nick Johnson; Peter Croft; Roy Cooper and as Priest: Erica Payne and Ian Dawes. Please pray for them and remember the Ember Days placed throughout the church year.

Ember Days are days and times set aside for prayer for those called to ordination.

There are four sets of Ember Days:  
 After the 3rd Sunday of Advent.  
 After the 1st Sunday in Lent.  
 After the Day of Pentecost.  
 After Holy Cross Day (September 14th).  
 One for each season of the year - Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn.

### A Prayer for Vocation

Almighty God,  
 You have called each of us by name  
 and set before us a path shaped by Your love.  
 Grant us ears to hear Your voice,  
 hearts to trust Your leading,  
 and courage to follow where You send us.

## EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Church Support Hub**  
**Neurodiversity and the Church**  
**April, 15, online**  
[More info here](#)

**Churches Together in England**  
**World Christianity and Mission**  
**April, 17, Cambridge & online**  
[More info here](#)

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

**Thrive Worldwide**  
**Resilience Check-in for Leaders**  
 1-2-1 session with a coach  
[More info here](#)

**Starting Well in Church Ministry**  
[Register your interest 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](#)

**Church Support Hub and Pioneering Parishes**  
**Into all the Parish online**  
[Watch the recording here](#)

In our work and in our rest,  
 in our speaking and in our silence,  
 may we serve You faithfully,  
 building up Your Church  
 and bearing witness to Your Kingdom.  
 Stir up in us the gifts You have given,  
 that we may use them for the good of all,  
 and for the glory of Your holy Name;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.



## MINISTRY MATTERS MARCH 2026

### 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 Andrew Morley**, at present Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Brompton in the Diocese of London and with Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of Truro is to be a Self-supporting Assistant Curate of the Mission Initiative known as St Gregory's Church in the Diocese of Truro.

He will be licensed by the Rt Revd David Williams with St Gregory's Church, taking place at St Columba in St Columb Minor church on 5th April 2026 at 4.00pm.

**Revd Sean Clancy** was commissioned as Strategic Rural Dean of Trigg Major on 12 February. He is assisted by **Revd Canon Olive Stevens** who was commissioned as Assistant Rural Dean on the same date.

### SCAM PHONE CALL

Please be aware that clergy in our diocese have been targeted in a scam involving an individual calling your number, claiming to be from the police. The person on the other end will know your name and job. All information that is easily available in the public domain.

The caller claims the person's IP address has been flagged as accessing illegal websites and will say they need to put a track and trace on the IP for 30 days.

### MARTYN'S LAW

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, also known as Martyn's Law, which came into force last year has prompted many enquiries from parishes and clergy colleagues wanting to know what the impact will be of this new legislation for churches.

Ecclesiastical Services has put together some guidance, available on their [website here](#). Information is also available on the Church of England [website here](#).

Our diocesan safeguarding team has provided some guidance on what it means by the wording 'at least occasionally.'

- **Not Averaged:** The requirement does not mean a venue must have 200 people present every day or on average.
- **Peak Times Count:** If a venue has 50 people on most days but holds events, sales, or peak hours where it is reasonable to expect 200 or more people once a month, once a week, or even just a few times a year, it falls within the scope.
- **Future Expectation:** If a premises has historically held 200+ people and is likely to do so again, it is within the scope.

They claim the call is being recorded for security. Do not provide them with your mobile number. They may claim that if you do not cooperate, they will send officers to your home, arrest you, and seize your digital equipment.

Do not allow them access to your computer. The advice is to simply hang up. The police will never contact you in this way and ask for these things.

### CLERGY UPDATES

**The Clergy Transitions Service**, relaunched in January 2026, provides confidential coaching support for stipendiary clergy who are at vocational crossroads or considering new opportunities within ministry.

Support includes:

- One-to-one coaching
- Webinars and workshops
- Online resources to build confidence and clarity for next steps

More information is available [here](#).

#### Clergy Pension Improvements

The General Synod's agenda last February included the draft Rules and Regulations required to implement the planned improvements to clergy pensions. Synod approved these items without a debate. This is excellent news because it means that the Pensions Board can get on with implementing the new pension benefits as planned. Members with post-2011 pensionable service will receive a letter via **Pension-sOnline**, or through the post if you have opted for paper communications to explain what happens next. Changes will take place in stages across this year. You can read the update in full on the Church of England Pension Board's [website](#).

#### Royal Naval Chaplaincy Service

Royal Naval Chaplaincy are looking to recruit superb leaders who can underpin, build and sustain the spiritual foundations of our sailors, officers and Royal Marines, for both Regular (full time) and Reserve (part time) Commission.

If you would like to know more, or discuss the role, please contact the Chaplain Recruiter,  
**The Revd Alastair Blaine RN**

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