

# DEVELOPING MINISTRIES

## DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

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# Living the Mystery of Faith

## THE YEAR OF MATTHEW

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JAN-JUN 2026



## RESOURCES: Study

### The Mirfield Liturgical Institute

Post-Graduate Diploma and MA in Worship & Liturgy,  
(University of Durham, Common Awards)



If you want to improve your skills and understanding of worship and liturgy this exciting part-time, distance post-graduate programme, tailored to practise and theology, answering the questions worship poses today, is for you. We welcome students from anywhere in the world, though a fairly reliable internet connection is a practical pre-requisite.

Now in its fourth year with two entry points (September and January), drawing on an international and ecumenical team of specialists, the courses will enable you to understand Christian liturgy and provide you with the skills to develop it in your church community. The programme may also be of interest to you if you have responsibility for training and formation in liturgy and worship.

Courses are taught through a mixture of pre-recorded lectures and real time seminars on Zoom, as well as one-on-one zoom tutorials with the course tutors. We also make use of tools like discussion forums, to promote sharing of knowledge, opinions, and questions between students.

Students on the programme are supported in their learning by good online resources and access to e-books and journals through the learning hub. Students who are able to visit the site in person, either regularly or as a one off will be entitled to use our library. Mirfield has a long tradition of teaching liturgy dating back to the 1890s; we have the largest liturgical library in England and many other resources for teaching liturgy and worship including striking liturgical spaces.

Courses we offer cover topics such as Liturgy and Spirituality, Christian Worship and Human Community, Liturgy and Mission, Words and Music in Worship, and Scripture and the Liturgy. You will also learn the research skills you need to study at a post-graduate level in this area. Much of your learning will involve making links to what you are studying and your own context, and MA students will carry out an extended piece of research in an area of their own choice.



To register your interest, arrange a conversation or request an application form:  
<https://college.mirfield.org.uk/academic-formation/programmes-of-study/ma-in-liturgy/>  
For further information: **The Revd Dr Jo Kershaw (Course Director)** Email: [wals@mirfield.org.uk](mailto:wals@mirfield.org.uk)  
Write to: **The College of the Resurrection, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield WF17 0BW**

## 2026

22-Jan	<b>The Theology of Hymns</b> , The Revd Thomas Pelham	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
29-Jan	<b>Eco Theology Day</b> , Rev Buff Forbes Stone & Rev Jules Middleton	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
03-Feb	<b>The Perplexing Logic of the Matthean Cross</b> , Revd Dr Olga Fabrikant-Burke	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
05-Feb	<b>Faith and Political Discipleship</b> , The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
23-Feb	<b>Relevant Climate Crisis Learning for Everyone</b>	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
01-Mar	<b>Holy Week: Rituals and Traditions</b> , The Revd Catriona Cumming	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
01-Mar	<b>'Many Voices, One Church'</b> , Diocesan Racial Justice Launch	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
15-Apr	<b>The Year of Matthew: 'the Easter Happening'</b> , Revd Canon Christopher Irvine	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
18-Apr	<b>Small Group Leaders Training</b> , session 1	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
21-Apr	<b>When, how, and by whom was the Church of England established?</b>	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
23-Apr	<b>Introducing the Year of Matthew</b> (2 of 2), Peter Sills	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
25-Apr	<b>Small Group Leaders Training</b> , session 2	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
25-Apr	<b>Vocations Day</b>	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
13-May	<b>People of the Book</b> , Revd Chris Irvine	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
16-May	<b>Chichester Diocese Environment Day</b>	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
19-May	<b>Matthew's Infancy Narrative Then and Now</b> , Ian Boxall	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
10-Jun	<b>Focal Ministry and Anglican Ecclesiology</b> , Revd Felix Smith	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
16-Jun	<b>Why do we have Roman Catholic works in our cathedral library?</b>	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
22-Jun	<b>NEW Feast of God the Creator</b> , Revd Chris Irvine	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>
04-Jul	<b>The Ministry of Welcome</b> , Hazel Pudney	<b>OPEN TO ALL</b>



TO **KNOW** • **LOVE** • **FOLLOW** JESUS

## RESOURCES: Retreats

### God matters and time apart.

We all know that time can be a bit of a tyrant. With so many claims on our time and attention it is all too easy for the time we spend in prayer to be squeezed. And yet we all need time to reflect, time to place ourselves consciously into God's presence, and to be refreshed by the Spirit. These are the times when we 'step aside', times that are vital for all of us engaged in public ministry.

We know this and many of us flag the need for Quiet and Retreat days in our Ministerial Development Review. The challenge is to look for opportunities and then to mark out the time in the diary.

The most comprehensive listing of places for retreat is to be found in the bulletin of the Association for the Promotion of Retreats

<https://promotingretreats.org>



Association  
Promoting  
Retreats

You might also like to share the daily round of prayer of a Religious Community.

Brothers of the Community of the Resurrection lead themed retreats, retreats for Advent and Lent, and also Individually Guided Retreats.

<https://mirfield.org.uk>



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RESURRECTION

There are also places of pilgrimage like **Walsingham**.

Another opportunity could be to spend a day at the Cathedral and join its round of daily prayer. But check the **Cathedral's website** 'what's on' page first.



*'Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.'* (Mark 1.35)

There are places for retreat and quiet days within our own diocese:

### WEST: Chemin Neuf Community

Storrington Priory, School Lane, Storrington, Pulborough RH20 4LN

<https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/retreats/retreats/>



### WEST: Monastery of the Holy Trinity

Fermandy Lane, Crawley Down, Crawley Down,  
Crawley RH10 4LH

<https://servants-of-the-will-of-god-cswg-monastery-of-the.business.site/>

Monastery of the Holy Trinity  
Crawley Down

### EAST: Ashburnham Place

Ashburnham Christian Trust, Ashburnham Place, Battle TN33 9NF

<https://www.ashburnham.org.uk/contact-us>



ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

### EAST: Penhurst Retreat Centre

Manor House, Penhurst, Battle TN33 9QP

<https://www.penhurst.org.uk/retreat-and-quiet-days>



## RESOURCES: Spiritual Direction

**Those looking for a Spiritual Director should contact the London Centre for Spiritual Direction.**

### The London Centre for Spiritual Direction

An independent charity which offers resources, training and support for all those interested and involved in Christian spiritual direction.

They also offer training, support and development opportunities for new and established spiritual directors, including Encounter, a three-year formation course.

Check out their regular workshop and learning opportunities.

To find out more <https://www.lcsd.org.uk/>



### SPIDIR Spiritual Direction Network

Believes that everyone would benefit from having someone to talk to three or four times a year about their journey to and with God, and about their deepest values and experiences. Includes more than 150 trained 'directors'.

Elects the SPIDIR Committee at the Annual General Meeting to administer the affairs of the network. Course Leaders plan and deliver training programmes

To find out more: <https://spidir.org.uk/>



# 25/26 EVENTS FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S LEADERS

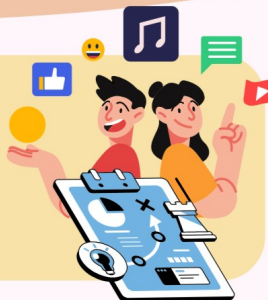
Mon  
29  
SEPT

## Vision and Strategy - Linkup

*Church House, Hove - Burrows*

A session looking at setting vision and building strategy.

Led by Dan Jenkins



## Eco Environment - Linkup

*Church House, Hove - Burrows*

Young people and the Climate Crisis- where we are and what we can do to enable young people to thrive and take action.

Led by Rev Buff Stone and Steve Collins

TUE  
21  
OCT

THUR  
27  
NOV

## Building healthy teams - Linkup

*Church House, Hove - Burrows*

...and recruiting volunteers.



## Away day

*Bishop's Palace, Canon Lane, Chichester*

Youth and Children's leader wellbeing - Gathering at the palace in Chichester town centre.

MON  
12  
JAN

**FRI  
27  
FEB**

### Mini

*St Andrew's, Furnace Green, Crawley*  
Our annual one night Maycamp reunion and opportunity to get a taste of Maycamp.  
£2 entry with discounted Maycamp tickets available!



### Line management - Linkup

*Church House, Hove - Burrows*  
**Bring your line manager to this session!**

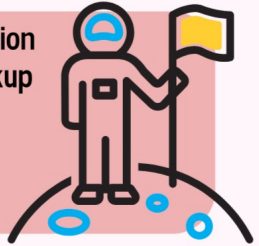
We'll be talking about our best and worst line management experience and what we can do make our management and supervision the most effective it can be!

**WED  
18  
MAR**

**TUE  
21  
APR**

### Cultural and Contextual innovation - Linkup

*Church House, Hove - Wilson*  
Mission shaped by culture and your context. See where God is moving and join in.



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*Plumpton Racecourse*  
Maycamp 2026 - Breathe  
To find out more and to book tickets head to: [www.maycamp.org](http://www.maycamp.org)

**22-25  
MAY**

### Linkup Sessions

Arrival from 9:30 for a 10am start. Pastries and drinks provided. Each morning consists of some training input and loads of discussion.  
We have a soft finish at 1pm with lunch provided and final departure at 2pm.  
There is some parking available at church house and Portslade station is a short walk away.

**O God, Our Help In Ages Past**  
Words Isaac Watts, Music William Croft.

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our  
Un-der the sha-dow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt ac-cure; Suf-  
Be-fore the hills in or-der stood, Or earth re-cieved her frame; From  
A thou-sand ag-es in Thy sight, Are like an eye-ning gone; Short  
Time, like in-ter-est, Bears all its sons a-way; Thy Be-  
O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be-

shel-ter from the storm-y blast, And our e-ter-nal home,  
fi-ent is These arms a- lone, And our de-fence is sure,  
ev-er-last-ing Thou art God, To end- less years the same,  
as the watch that ends the night, Be-fore the ri-ning sun,  
fly, for- get-ten, as a dream Dis- at the op-ning day,  
Thou our guard while trou-les last, And our e-ter-nal home.

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## The Theology of Hymns

Free. 19.00-20.45. Online

Led by The Revd Thomas Pelham

Join Revd Thomas Pelham for an online talk and discussion on the Theology of Hymns.

Hymns are more than musical expressions—they are theological declarations woven into melody. Rooted in Scripture and tradition, hymns articulate the beliefs, hopes, and praises of the Christian faith.

They serve as communal prayers, doctrinal affirmations, and spiritual reflections, often encapsulating profound truths in poetic form.

To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FOJC>



### **Eco theology Day: 2 Sessions:**

An Introduction to the Climate Crisis and Eco Trauma and the Wounds of Christ Free. 2 sessions day; 10-12 noon and 13-15:00 at Church House Hove.

Led by Rev Buff Forbes Stone Diocesan Environment Officer & Rev Jules Middleton

#### **Session 1: Carbon Confidence in an Hour-** Rev Buff Forbes Stone

The Climate and Environment crisis is the issue of our time. Often we are concerned but don't know what to do. Carbon Confidence helps us start the process of understanding the science of the climate crisis and how as Christians our faith compels us to respond. There is a one hour presentation with time for worship, questions, and working out our next practical steps together.

#### **Session 2: Eco Trauma and the Wounds of Christ –** Rev Jules Middleton

Taking an eco theological view we will look at how we might consider the bodily trauma of Christ at the crucifixion, within the context of planetary wounding (ie: human-caused damage to the earth or climate change). Within this we will explore the concepts of 'deep time' and 'deep incarnation' and the earth being in a place of Holy Saturday.

To find out more and book:

**Session 1:** <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FNZG>

**Session 2:** <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FNZK>



## The Perplexing Logic of the Matthean Cross

Free. 10.00-12.00. Zoom

Led by The Revd Dr Olga Fabrikant-Burke,  
Tutor in Old Testament, Ridley Hall, Cambridge

As part of  
Diocese of Chichester's  
'Year of Faith:  
The Gospel of Matthew'

At the heart of the Gospel of Matthew lies a startling paradox. The Gospel opens with the bold proclamation that Jesus is 'the Messiah, the son of David.' And yet, at the end of the story, this anointed Davidic king dies a shameful death on a cross, a horrific Roman torture device.

To square the messianic circle, Matthew appeals to the Old Testament, supremely the story of King David as well as the psalms of lament. Strange as it may sound, for Matthew, it is supremely in his humiliation that Jesus is 'the Messiah, the son of David.' And it is the Old Testament that provides sanction for the perplexing logic of the Matthean cross.



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To find out more and book:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FIEU>

5 Feb 2026, Thu

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### **Faith and Political Discipleship**

Free. 10.00-12.00. Zoom

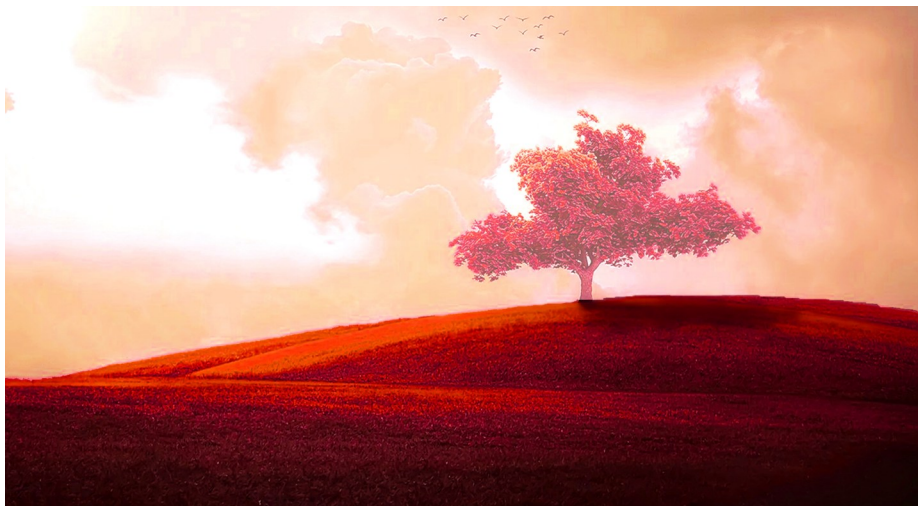
Led by The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler, Dean of Chichester.

Join online for an informative talk and discussion about engaging public life through the lens of the Gospel, seeking justice, peace, and the common good.

Grounded in scripture and with attention to writing in the early centuries of the Church as well as more modern sources, it calls believers to act with compassion, uphold human dignity, and participate in civic life as an expression of love for neighbour and obedience to Christ

To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FOJE>



## Relevant Climate Crisis Learning for Everyone

Free. 9.00-17.00. Church House, 211 New Church Rd, Hove BN3 4ED.

Led by The Revd Buff Stone, Diocesan Environment Officer

A day to bring awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis.



To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FQYZ>

1 Mar 2026, Sun

OPEN TO ALL



## **Holy Week: Rituals and Traditions**

Free. 15.00-14.30. All Saints Church, The Drive, Hove BN3 3QE  
Led by The Revd Catriona Cumming

Join the Revd Catriona Cumming for an insightful exploration of the solemn and richly ceremonial liturgies of Holy Week The Revd Catriona Cumming.

This special occasion offers a chance to rediscover the spiritual depth and beauty of the Church's most sacred season, reflecting on Christ's Passion, death, and resurrection.

It's an opportunity to deepen your understanding of why liturgy is celebrated in such a profound way during this pivotal time in the Christian year.

Please note that there is street parking around All Saints, but no dedicated parking at the church. Hove train station is a convenient 10-minute walk from the church.

To find out more and book:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FOJH>



## “Many Voices, One Church” – A Diocesan Racial Justice Launch

Free. 15.00-18.00. St John the Evangelist, Knoyle Road, Brighton BN1 6RB  
Led by Vitalis Ngwambi – Racial Justice Co-ordinator

Many Voices, One Church is a diocesan gathering to launch the new Racial Justice Toolkit, bringing people together for worship, reflection, food and conversation on our shared journey towards racial justice in the Diocese of Chichester. (Please do register for catering purposes.)

**The Eucharist** will be presided over by:

- Bishop Will Hazlewood – Bishop of Lewes
- Revd Emma Ham Riche – Associate Archdeacon for Diversity and Inclusion

**Keynote speakers:**

- Professor Alan Lester – University of Sussex
- Vitalis Ngwambi – Racial Justice Co ordinator, Diocese of Chichester

**Reflections will be offered by:**

- Revd Canon Martha Mutikani – Zinafe Pastoral Lead Trustee
- Revd Alan Green – Chaplain, University of Sussex
- Augustina Tetsola – PCC Member, St Luke’s Prestonville
- Ivy Manning – Engagement Officer, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers

To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXAG>



## **The Year of Matthew: 'the Easter Happening'**

Free. 10.00-12.00. Online.

Led by Revd Canon Christopher Irvine and Laura Moffatt

This seminar will explore the dramatic resurrection narrative in Matthew's Gospel in relation to three striking works of art, - the famous Anastasis Icon, the classic depiction of Christ rising from the tomb by Piero della Francesca, and a contemporary artwork by Richard Long.

The seminar will conclude with an introduction to the work of Art and Christianity, particularly its gallery of over 100 new works of art in churches and in offering advice on commissioning art in places of worship.

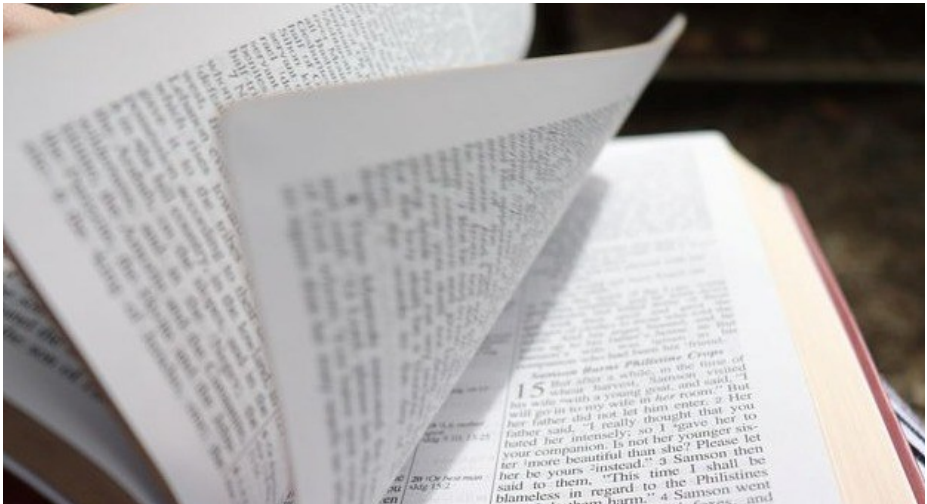
This online seminar will be led by Revd Canon Christopher Irvine, interim CMD Officer who has written about the cross in art, and Laura Moffatt, the Director of Art and Christianity.

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'Stone House (Bonnington) by Andy Goldsworthy (2009). Photo: Christopher Irvine'.

To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GABT>



## Small Groups Leading Training

Free. 10.00-11.30. Online  
Led by Revd Steve Nichols

Teaching over 2 Saturday sessions.

Session 1:

### **A Big Vision for Small Groups: Deciding the purpose of your small group**

Growing Together in God's Word: How to Prepare and Lead a Bible Study.

Session 2:

### **Living Together in God's Love: Pastoral Care in Your Small Group**

Learning Together as God's People: Connecting with one another and with God so that we grow (Lent courses, book groups; prayer in small groups) more attuned to how God is already at work in those you accompany.

To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FPMA>



### **Tales from the Cathedral Library:**

#### **When, how, and by whom was the Church of England established?**

£5. 10.00-11.30, Dresden Room, George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane.

Led by Dr Andrew Foster and the Revd Dr Earl Collins

As part of the workshop series, Tales from the Cathedral Library.

Step behind the scenes of one of Chichester's most remarkable spaces and learn about the Cathedral Library's treasures in a welcoming, intimate setting - where every item has a story to tell.

Led by Cathedral Sub-Librarian Dr Andrew Foster and Canon Chancellor, and the Rev'd Dr Earl Collins.

Each session offers a chance to explore fascinating manuscripts, rare books, and other treasures, and to discuss their significance for the Church - both then and today.

Prior booking is essential.

To find out more and book: <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/tales-cathedral-library-why-do-we-have-roman-catholic-works-our-cathedral-library>



## Introducing...The Year of Matthew (2nd of 2 seminars)

Free. 10.00-12.00, online

Led by Canon Peter Sills

Although placed first in the New Testament, Matthew's Gospel was the second to be written. Composed around AD70 for a Jewish Christian community, possibly situated in Syria, it has a distinctive style and layout. The first Zoom seminar, 20 Nov 2025, explored when, why and by whom the Gospel was written, the sources on which it is based, its distinctive features, and its major themes. This second seminar, will look more closely at Matthew's teaching and his picture of Jesus.

Canon Peter Sills, formerly Vice-Dean of Ely, is a retired priest and pilgrimage guide attached to the Beacon Parish of Ditchling, Streat & Westmeston. He is the author of several books, including *Six Steps Into The Bible*, written for those who want to get under the skin of the Bible and deepen their understanding of the scriptures: [www.peter-sills.co.uk/courses](http://www.peter-sills.co.uk/courses)

image © Pinterest: St Matthew depicted in the Book of Kells.

To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FKSG>



## Vocations Day

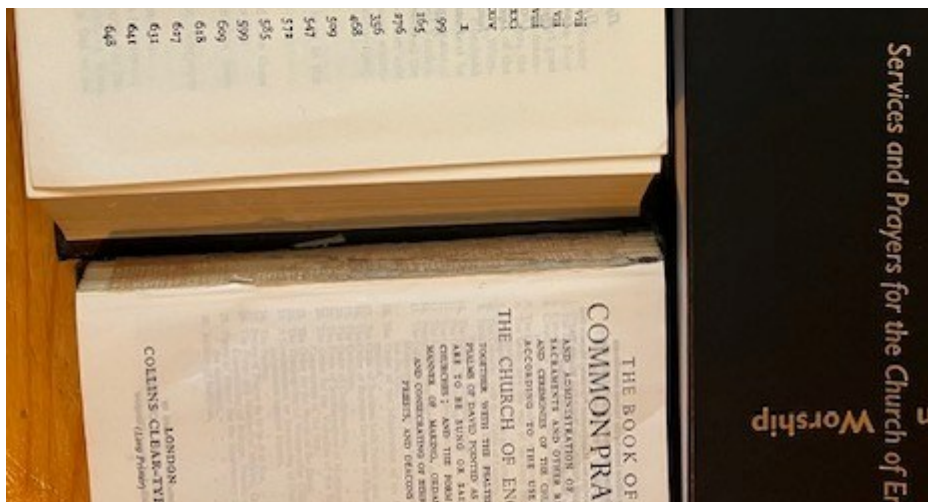
Free. 10.00-15.00, St Mary's Church Centre, Causeway, Horsham, RH12 1HE  
Led by Revd Jaie Gater

A day for anyone wondering whether God is calling them to ordained minister in the church of England.

God is calling men and women to serve in his church as ordained ministers, to go on a lifelong adventure of service to Christ and his church.

Is he also calling you, or someone you know, to consider ordained ministry? Join us for Vocations day 2026, for input from Bishop Ruth and other guests, as we take time to explore the potential of God's calling.

To find out more and book:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FUUG>



## People of the Book? The Year of Matthew

Free. 10.00-12.00, online.

Led by Revd Canon Christopher Irvine

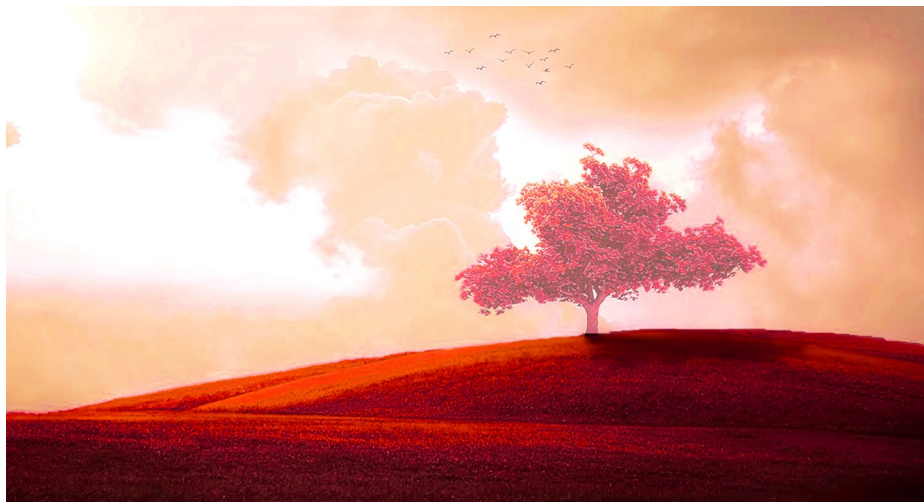
This seminar coincides with the publication of the Oxford Handbook of Common Prayer.

Anglicans are people not of one, but of two books, the Bible and an authorized Prayer Book.

In this seminar we will explore what it means to have a book of authorized services (BCP/CW) and what this may say about who we are as a Church, and why it matters.

To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GATP>



## Chichester Diocese Environment Day

£5. 10.00-12.00,

St Peter's Church and Centre, Church St, Bexhill-on-Sea , TN40 2HE.

Led by Polly Eaton, Eco Diocese Officer, Eco Church, A Rocha UK

Overview: **Speaking Up for Creation.**

Agenda:

9.30 Registration and Refreshments

10.00 Worship led by Rev Buff Forbes Stone, Rev Zoe Eborn  
and Young People from St Peter's

10.35 **Using our Voices For Creation: Polly Eaton Eco Church**

11.15 Coffee Break

11.45 **Workshop 1 - see link for options**

12.30 Lunch Break

1.30 **Workshop 2 - see link for options**

2.15 Comfort break

2.25 **Workshop 3 - see link for options**

3.10 Tea Break

3.30 Final Session, blessing and depart.

To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXVQ>



## Matthew's Infancy Narrative Then and Now

Free. 14.00-16.00, online.

Led by Dr Ian Boxall

As part of the Year of Matthew seminars, Chichester Diocese.

Matthew's stories of Jesus' ancestry, birth, escape from a tyrannical ruler and return to his homeland (Matt 1-2), have shaped the Christian imagination across the centuries, leaving a footprint in preaching, hymnody, art, and Christian discipleship.

This seminar will explore how this multilayered infancy narrative functions in Matthew's Gospel, and consider examples of its rich reception, including by visual artists, and the significance of these stories for us today.



To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GAWJ>



## **Now Focal Ministry and Anglican Ecclesiology: Re-imagining Parish Ministry in a Mixed Economy**

Free. 10.00-11.30, online.

Led by Revd Felix Smith

Focal Ministry has emerged within the Church of England as a response to changing patterns of parish life, declining clergy numbers, and the development of a mixed economy church.

This seminar explores Focal Ministry through the lens of Anglican ecclesiology, asking how it correlates and reshapes understandings of parish, priesthood and presence.

Drawing on theology and practice, it considers whether Focal Ministry represents a departure from traditional ecclesiological structures, or a deeper reimagining of inherited models for contemporary Anglicanism.

To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FYOY>



### **Tales from the Cathedral Library:**

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## **The NEW Feast of God the Creator**

Free. 14.00-16.00, online.

Led by Revd Canon Christopher Irvine

As part of the Year of Matthew seminars, Chichester Diocese.

- The new ecumenical feast of God the Creator in Christ.

This seminar will present the theological rationale for the feast and will introduce the new prayers and selection of biblical readings that the Church of England will provide for us to celebrate the feast.

Led by Christopher Irvine - a member of the Assisi Conference working group and a consultant to the Liturgical Commission.

To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GATS>



## **The Ministry of Welcome**

Free. 10.00-16.00. Church House, 211 New Church Rd, Hove BN3 4ED.

Led by Hazel Pudney, Warden for Lay Ministry ALM (Worship & Liturgy) and Churchwarden at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham.

There is an old saying that “you cannot create a first impression twice”, and so it is with any community, any parish. A visitor’s or a new parishioner’s view of the community around them is significantly shaped by the presence or absence of a welcoming atmosphere when they enter a church for the first time. Although the Ministry of Welcome, extends to all members of the community, a special responsibility falls on those who have come forward, or feel called, for this Ministry – very often the first people that a stranger will meet or speak to when entering the church for the first time – and you cannot create a first impression twice.

Come and join this session to learn through sharing and fellowship how we can ensure a warm and "safe" welcome to all who enter our churches, whether new or seasoned church members - both in a practical and spiritual way.

All are welcome! Please bring your own lunch.

To find out more and book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXZN>



### Safeguarding for Clergy and Parish

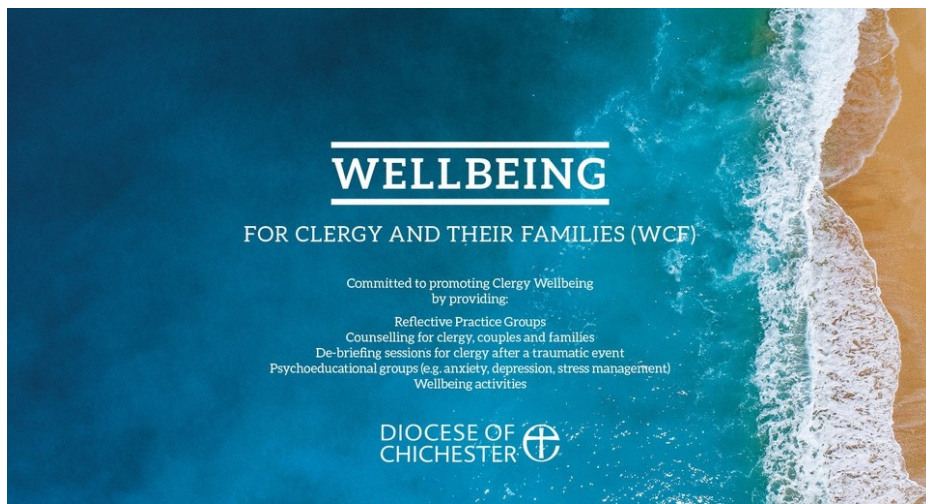
The hub for all information, resources and training relating to safeguarding children and adults throughout the life of the Diocese.

It also introduces a new tool - 'Parish Dashboard' - which will help parishes to assess and improve their own safeguarding practice, whilst providing useful resources to enable them to achieve this goal.

Safeguarding is a complex area of church life - how do we keep children and adults safe from harm, whilst building communities of trust and openness, and still demonstrate the welcome the Gospel offers to all? Moreover, how do we build church communities that obey the biblical mandate to defend those who are weak, heal those who are hurt, and demonstrate God's forgiveness to all, for all have sinned?

This site is intended to provide people in parishes with a 'one stop shop' for all things safeguarding.

To find out more and book:  
<https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/>



### Wellbeing for Clergy and Families

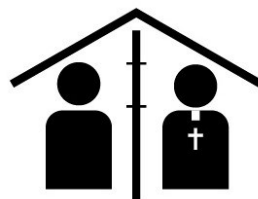
The Diocese of Chichester is committed to promoting and sustaining the Wellbeing of our clergy and their families.

Laura Steven, Head of Wellbeing for Clergy and their Families (WCF), is employed by the DOC to provide the WCF services for clergy and their families.

#### A WELLBEING HANDBOOK

is available to all clergy, which outlines how the Diocese seeks to support clergy through the development of the Wellbeing Covenant. It has a threefold shape:

- Spiritual Life,
- Theological Development and Physical and
- Mental Health.



To find out more and book:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/wellbeing-for-clergy-and-families/>


<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>



**E-Learning**  
**Living Works Start**  
**Suicide Prevention**

West Sussex  **mind**

**Free Anytime E-Learning**  
**Eating Disorder**  
**Awareness**

West Sussex  **mind**

### **Mind, West Sussex**

The Gateway, 8-10 Durrington Lane, Worthing, BN13 2QG

If you are an individual who would like to learn more about mental health, a manager or employer interested in training for your workplace, or a parent, carer or professional who wants to better support young people, you can find the right training course here. All our training options are led by specialist trainers and are offered either in person or online.

Training includes:

- \* **Understanding Behaviours in Children and Young People**
- \* **Self Harm Learning Webinar**
- \* **Suicide Prevention**
- \* **Eating Disorder Awareness**
- \* **Adult Mental Health First Aid**
- \* **Youth Mental Health First Aid**

To find out more and book:  
<https://www.westsussexmind.org/>





**Preaching with Power: How to Prepare & Deliver Effective Sermons**

Thursday, 12 February, 10.30am | online via Zoom

Workshop leader: Samuel Thomas

**Preaching with the Lectionary**

Thursday, 12 March, 10.30-13.00 | online via Zoom

Workshop leader: Stephen Wright

**How to Use Humour in Preaching**

Monday, 23 March, 10.30-12.00 | online via Zoom

Workshop leader: Paul Kerensa

**Preaching and Poetry**

Monday 16 March, 10.30–13.00 | online via Zoom

Workshop leader: Michael Hopkins

**Preaching to the Non-Religious**

Wednesday, 15 April, 18.30-20.30 | online via Zoom

Workshop leader: Gus Tanner-Ihm

**Lessons for the Preacher to Learn from Jack Reacher**

Monday, 27 April, 14.00-16.30 | online via Zoom

Workshop leader: Laurence Twaddle

To find out more and book:

<https://www.collegeofpreachers.co.uk/events/>

# PUSEY HOUSE OXFORD

23 Feb 2026

**'Shepherding Away from Home': The Role of the Prison Chaplain**

25 Feb 2026

**Confession - The Church's Gift to the World?**

25 Feb 2026

**Dr Pusey on Absolution's Effects: Catholic but not Roman**

4 Mar 2026

**A Genealogy of Post-Liberalism**

11 Mar 2026

**Christian Revival - Our Post-Liberal Hope?**

To find out more and book:

<https://www.puseyhouse.org.uk/news>



The  
**Faraday  
Institute**  
for Science and Religion

24 Feb 2026

**Prof. Ken Dark – 21st Century Archaeological Research and Early Christianity**

10 Mar 2026

**Dr Nathan Mladin – The Human Stakes of Artificial Intelligence**

18 Mar 2026

**Prof. Bob White – Are Natural Disasters Inevitable? Insights from Science and Religion**

24 Apr—22 Jun 2026

**Big World, Big Questions: Exploring Science and Faith with Young People: A Course for Christian Youth Workers**

7 May 2026

**Prof. Michael Reiss – The Importance of Teaching about Science and Religion in a Time of Global Uncertainty**

6-10 Jul 2026

**Faraday Institute Summer Course 2026: Science, Religion, and Society**

To find out more and book:

<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/>



## **CPAS, Making Mission Possible**

University of Warwick Science Park, COVENTRY CV4 7EZ

CPAS is an Anglican evangelical mission agency, we believe that the message of the gospel is relevant to all people, and that effective local church ministry is the key to seeing men,

To find out more and book:

<https://www.cpas.org.uk/browse/events>

## RESOURCES: Study

### St Augustine's MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission



The St Augustine's MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission is a specially tailored programme of theological learning and research that allows lay and ordained ministers, as well as church members, to deepen their theological knowledge by building on previous theological learning, engaging with daily life and ongoing experience of the Body of Christ.

Accredited and awarded by Durham University, the degree includes both taught modules and guided research in a theological discipline of your choice. It offers opportunities to develop advanced skills as part of your continuing ministerial development e.g. in pastoral supervision, leadership, mission, spirituality.

The degree can be taken part-time or full-time. Much of the teaching is delivered alongside candidates for church ministry, but the programme is suitable for all, irrespective of any ministerial involvement.

#### **Biblical Languages for Fun – an introduction to Hebrew and New Testament Greek.**

This is a year-long set of weekly online sessions that provide a simple introduction to the key features of Hebrew and New Testament Greek. It opens up some of the issues that translators are faced with, to provide deeper insight into English Bible versions. |

#### **To find out more and book:**

<https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-studies/>

<https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/courses/biblical-languages-for-fun/>

### St Stephen's House Oxford



#### Graduate Qualifications in Worship and Liturgical Studies

**Postgraduate Diploma:** 1 year full time, 2 years part time

**MA:** 2 years full time: 3-4 years part time

Music and liturgy are powerful tools for the mission of the Church. The Institute of Sacred Music at St Stephen's House Oxford offers musicians, music ministers and liturgists a unique place to study, worship, and perform – either part time or full time – and obtain post-graduate qualifications up to master's level. The university city of Oxford offers an unparalleled setting for the Institute of Sacred Music, which offers selected liturgical and music experiences in Oxford chapels, together with context-based learning in aspects of choral preparation, alongside liturgical performance within the college's own magnificent Church that serves as one of the chapels of St Stephen's House.

The academic programme focusses on worship and liturgical studies and is partially delivered online.

The programme is an ideal opportunity for musical or ministerial professionals worldwide to participate in part time tuition at St Stephen's House, some of it remotely.

#### **To find out more and book:**

<https://ismo.ssho.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

## RESOURCES: Study

### Cardiff University

Website: <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught/courses/course/canon-law-llm>

Main reception: <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/help/contact-us>



### Sarum College

Website: <http://www.sarum.ac.uk/learning>

Main reception: 01722 424800

Email [info@sarum.ac.uk](mailto:info@sarum.ac.uk)



### Sussex Gospel Partnership

Website: <https://sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/>

Contact: Mrs Wendy Sands, SGP Administrator,  
Haywards Heath, RH16 3LE. Ph 01444 458635



**SUSSEX  
GOSPEL  
PARTNERSHIP**

### WTC Theology

Website <https://wtctheology.org.uk/>

Main reception: <https://wtctheology.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/>



To find out more and book: See detail listed

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THEIR STUDY DAYS AND COURSES**

### **Bursaries, Extended Ministerial Development Leave—EMDL (Sabbaticals), Education and Training**

Ecclesiastical Ministry Bursary Awards; European Bursary Trust ; Fellowship of the Maple Leaf; Josephine Butler Memorial Trust; Philip Usher Memorial Fund; Provost Howard Fund; Society for the Relief of Poor Clergymen; SPCK: The Richards Trust & St Aidan's College Charity; St Boniface Trust; St George's Trust; St Luke's College Foundation; Winston Churchill Memorial Trust; Elfinsward Trust, Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust; Pauline Webb Ecumenical Fund

### **Children of Clergy**

The Buttle Trust; Lawrence Atwell's Charity; Rustat Trust; Society for the Relief of Poor Clergymen; Working Families Tax Credit

### **Clergy Spouse/Retired Clergy**

Broken Rites; Church of England Pensions Board; Diocesan Committee for retired Clergy and Widows/ers; Crosse's Charity; Dr. George Richards' Charity; Family Action; Foundation of Edward Storey; Independent Age; Newton's Trust

### **Debt Assistance**

Christians against Poverty

### **General Assistance with Hardship**

Elizabeth Finn Trust; Frances Ashton's Charity; Fraser and Howarth Trust Funds; Friends of the Clergy/Sons of the Clergy; Henry Smith's Charity; Queen Victoria Clergy Fund; Society for the Relief of Poor Clergymen; Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances; Society of Mary and Martha, TURN2US, The Clergy Support Trust, St Luke's Healthcare

### **Health**

Pyncombe Charity; St. Luke's Healthcare for Clergy

### **Holidays**

Eggbeer Trust; English Clergy Association; Mothers' Union; Tranquillity House Trust

### **Vocational Grants**

Board of Mission Trust Fund; Cleaver Ordination Candidates' Fund National Transition Service for Clergy; Church of England website

### **Applying for a CMD grant or EMDL:**

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/fundraising-and-grants/>

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/cmd/>

## APOSTOLIC LIFE

The Department for Apostolic Life brings together several areas of responsibility at Church House

whose primary aim is to support parishes and individuals in their 'apostolic' life and 'mission' activities.

Contact us:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/apostolic-life/>