CMD Courses and Resources

A selection of upcoming Continuing Ministerial Development (CMD) Opportunities and resources for clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers

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The Hook Memorial Lectures 'Four by Four'

Date and Time: **Mondays in June at 7pm**

Location: All Souls Church, Blackman Lane, Leeds, LS2 9EY

Organiser: All Souls Church

Overview: A look at the four Gospels:
1st June- The Revd Canon Amos Kasibante: The Gospel of Mark
8th June- The Revd Dr Jo Logan: The Gospel of Matthew
15th June- The Very Revd Andrew Nunn: The Gospel of Luke
22nd June- The Revd Dr Claire Honess: The Gospel of John
29th June- Canon Ann Nicholl: The fifth Gospel

Cost: Free entry £20

Visit the church website for contact details: THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS, Leeds - Home

Spiritual Development vs. Christian Discipleship: Building Shared Theology for Schools and Churches

Date and Time: **Wednesday 10 June 9:45-11:45**

Location: Online

Organiser: CPAS

Overview: Understanding difference, working together. What is spiritual development, and how does it differ from Christian discipleship? This session offers space for schools and churches to explore and clarify their theology around these concepts, helping both partners understand their unique roles and shared opportunities. Beginning with theological reflection and moving toward practical collaboration, we'll explore how to work together in ways that are effective, appropriate, and rooted in shared understanding.

Cost: £20

For more info and to register: Click here

Bubble Church Webinar

Date and Time: **Wednesday 10 June 8-9pm**

Location: Online

Organiser: Diocese Children, Young People and Families Team and Bubble Church

Overview: This webinar is for churches In Leeds Diocese wishing to know more about Bubble Church, what it is, what it looks like and whether it might work in your church. Come along (with any other members of your team) and find out more! Sign up for this session to learn how your church can run this service for young families and then join our free training day on 24th September 2026 at Wakefield Cathedral (info on the September page of this brochure). For more information about Bubble Church and the training on offer, click here.

Cost: Free

To book: Click here to sign up and receive the Zoom link.

Church Leadership Deep Dive with Chris Green

Date and Time: **Thursday 11 June 12:30-13:30**

Location: Online

Organiser: CPAS

Overview: Are you in Christian leadership and aged 40 and under? Are you looking to connect with other young leaders?

What does faithful, fruitful church leadership look like today? Drawing on decades of experience as a parish leader, theological educator, and author, Chris Green (vicar of St James, Muswell Hill) will help us unpack lessons on leadership, evangelism and ministry. This session is designed to equip and encourage younger leaders with biblical wisdom and practical insight to help them navigate the challenges of church leadership.

Cost: Free

For more info and to register: Click here

Neurodiversity and Worship

Date and Time: **Monday 15 June 7-9pm**

Location: Starbeck St Andrew, High Street, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG2 7JE

Organiser: Natasha Lee-Diocese Disability Officer

Overview: Join us at St Andrew's Church, Starbeck for a session exploring what neurodiversity is (and isn't), barriers that people who are neurodivergent might face in church and ways in which we can make worship more accessible

To book: To book a place on this session, please email natasha.lee@leeds.anglican.org

Personal Growth and Leadership Taster Session

Date and Time: **Tuesday 16 June 7:30pm**

Location: Online

Organiser: Diocese Barnabas Team

Overview: Personal Growth and Leadership is a distinctive, home-grown course that creates space to pause, reflect, and discover fresh ways to grow in confidence and lead with vision. Designed for both clergy and lay leaders working together, it offers a shared journey where learning happens together. Over six months, we intentionally hold space for personal development while exploring what growth looks like in the real context of church life and ministry. The course encourages honest reflection, practical experimentation, and supportive conversation. We're now starting to plan the next course, beginning in September 2026, and will be offering a couple of taster sessions along the way, both online and in person. These sessions are a great opportunity to experience the flavour of the course for yourself and to explore how it could support you and your ministry. It's always easier to invite others when you've experienced it first-hand! At a taster session, you can expect to encounter practical tools, inspiring ideas, and a welcoming community of people who are committed to growing well together.

To book onto either 16 June OR 1 July (you do not need to join both) please email barnabas@leeds.anglican.org and we will be happy to send you further details and book you a place.

Church Growth and Engaging with under-30's

Date and Time: **Wednesday 17 June 9:30-11:40**

Location: Online

Organiser: CPAS

Overview: Many churches are seeing a growing openness to the gospel among under-30s, alongside significant cultural shifts in how this generation relates, belongs, and leads. Join Leadership Enabler, Matt Hogg and School Ventures Development Officer, Anna Shaw for this online training session as we explore what church growth looks like in this moment, what we're learning, and how churches can better understand, disciple, and mobilise under-30s in a way that connects authentically with a generation seeking meaning and belonging.

Cost: £20

For more info and to register: Click here

Building Teams

Date and Time: **Tuesday 23 June 7:30-8:45pm**

Location: Online

Organiser: Diocese Children, Young People and Families Team

Overview: If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

Ministry with children and young people isn't something to do alone, but what can we do when we find ourselves struggling for numbers of volunteers? This evening workshop will look at some of the things we can do to build and sustain teams for working with young people and/or children.

To book: E-mail childrenyouth@leeds.anglican.org to book on to this Zoom session.

Courage, Character, and Church Planting

Date and Time: **Tuesday 23 June 12:30-13:30**

Location: Online

Organiser: CPAS

Overview: Are you in Christian leadership and aged 40 and under? Are you looking to connect with other young leaders?

How do leaders plant and lead communities that thrive, even under pressure? Drawing on 12 years of experience from the front line of planting and revitalisation, Jon March will explore themes of calling, perseverance, vision, and cultivating healthy teams. Expect a session that is honest and hope-filled, offering encouragement and practical insights for leaders navigating ministry today.

Each session is 60 mins long, with some input but also a good amount of Q&A where leaders can troubleshoot, and participants can ask practical ministry questions in a safe context.

Cost: Free

For more info and to register: Click here

Decolonizing Prayer: Resources for Discipleship and Ministry Course

Date and Time: **Tuesday 23 June 10am-5pm**

Location: Sarum College, 19 The Close, Salisbury, SP1 2EE

Organiser: Sarum College

Tutors: Dr Beth Dodd and Fr Jarel-Robinson Brown

Overview: This day offers a chance to step back, take stock, and contemplate the various influences on our personal and collective lives of prayer, as well as the forces that might narrow our gaze as we perceive the wonders of God. It extols the value of consciously widening our gaze by drawing on global and diverse voices as partners and allies as we listen and speak to God. It introduces a range of creative resources to decolonize and diversify our prayer lives, both as individuals and as communities of faith.

Cost: In person ticket-£70. Special price of £15 for clergy, ordinands and those in Christian ministry, to include a free copy of the book Hurricanes Roar: 30 Reflections on Black Spiritual Poetry.

For more info and to register: Limited spaces available, see this page to book

Visit a Rural team in the Yorkshire Dales/Bowland Are of Natural Beauty (clergy CMD only)

Date and Time: **Tuesday 23 June- Revd Sue McWhinney at Kirkby Malham, Wednesday 24 June- Revd Harriet Johnson in the Benefice of Ingleborough, Thursday 25 June- Revd John Davies at Clapham with Keasden and Austwick with Eldroth (choose one date)**

Overview: Come and experience rural ministry in the Bowland and Ewecross Deanery. Each day is offered by a different benefice in the beautiful setting of the Yorkshire Dales and will involve meeting members of the farming community, local business and local community organisations (exact details will depend on which day you choose).

You will hear about the joys and challenges of living in a rural area which is sparsely populated for much of the year but enjoys an influx of tourists when the weather is good.

There will be opportunities to reflect on the relationship between church and context and also to see some spectacular scenery.

Travel by train (we are happy to pick up from a local station – both Bentham and Ribblehead have trains from Leeds) or car and bring a packed lunch (or check beforehand with the hosting Vicar whether you can buy something locally)

For more info: Contact steve.proudlove@leeds.anglican.org

To book your place: Contact anne.payne@leeds.anglican.org numbers are very limited

Visit New Hall Women's Prison & Young Offenders Institute

Date and Time: **Tuesday 23 June 9:30am-1:20pm**

Location: Dial Wood, Flockton, WF4 4XX

Host: Revd Lesley Greenwood-Haigh, Prison Chaplain

Overview: Join some of the Diocese of Leeds curates on a visit to New Hall Prison to explore prison chaplaincy. This visit is open to clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers and those in their initial year of Licensed Lay Ministry.

For more info: Contact sarah.farrimond@leeds.anglican.org

To book your place: Contact anne.payne@leeds.anglican.org numbers are limited. **Booking deadline:** Friday 12 June

Working with People who are Neurodiverse

Date and Time: **Tuesday 30 June 13:00-15:10**

Location: Online

Organiser: CPAS

Overview: In church life, close working relationships are vital, but they can also be complex. This session explores how we can work well together by understanding and appreciating the different ways people think, communicate, and collaborate. Led by Jo McKee, Head of Leadership Development at CPAS, this session draws on personal insight and practical wisdom to help teams build trust, navigate differences, and create environments where everyone can flourish. With a particular focus on neurodiversity, we'll explore how inclusive practices can strengthen relationships and unlock the full potential of those we work alongside.

Cost: £20

For more info and to register: Click here

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Personal Growth and Leadership Taster Session

Date and Time: **Wednesday 1 July 7:30pm**

Location: St Peter's Church, Stanley, Wakefield

Organiser: Diocese Barnabas Team

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

Date and Time: **Monday 6th- Friday 10th July**

Location: Hughes Hall College, Cambridge and Online

Organiser: Faraday Institute for Science and Religion

Overview: Engaging with a range of topics, this one-week course will look at issues relating to technology, the environment, health, the mind, culture, and public life. It will bring together world-class speakers at the forefront of research in these areas, and lead participants through the issues in a way that is both rigorous and accessible.

Hosted in Hughes Hall, in-person attendance provides extensive opportunities to meet with speakers and other participants. Conversations over coffee, during mealtimes, or while walking around town allow for connections unmatched by other learning formats. The schedule also includes a selection of activities around Cambridge.

Book your place: For more information Faraday Institute Summer Course 2026: Science, Religion, and Society | Faraday Institute for Science and Religion

Visit Catterick Garrison

Date and Time: **Tuesday 7 July 10am-3pm**

Overview: This visit gives real and helpful understanding of the following:

- The work of the ecumenical and multi-faith chaplaincy team in pastoral support for soldiers and in contributing to their training.
- The padres take this significant opportunity each to tell the richness of their story.
- The impact of military life on the soldiers and the officers.
- Awareness of issues impacting soldiers and officers when they return to civilian life, and what that may mean for church leadership teams if we have veterans in our congregation or local community, people for whom we will offer care and support.

Dress code is clerical collar / jacket and tie/smart for LLMs. Lunch can be purchased in the group visit to the canteen.

The Chaplaincy Team at the Garrison give us a tour of some of the on-site activities with time to speak to the padres, the soldiers and officers. This visit is recommended as enriching, whether or not you feel a call to military chaplaincy.

For more info: contact sarah.farrimond@leeds.anglican.org

To book: contact anne.payne@leeds.anglican.org

Booking deadline: Tuesday 30th June

Mental Health First Aid Training

Date and Time: **Thursday 9 July 9:30am-4pm – Friday 10 July 9:30am-4pm**

Location: Church House, 17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX

Organiser: Diocese Lay Training Team

Overview: Do you have an interest in supporting those struggling with mental ill health? Want to develop your knowledge or become accredited as a Mental Health First Aider?
You are welcome to join this two-day course (9 and 10 July), led by an expert trainer from the Saltaire Training Company, that can support you to develop your skills and confidence in this area.

Cost: £180 – clergy and LLMs can use their CMD grant towards the cost of the course.

How to book: To book your place, please email layministry@leeds.anglican.org

Emergency First Aid Course

Date and Time: **Tuesday 14 July 9am-4:30pm**

Location: Church House, 17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX

Organiser: Diocese Children, Young People and Families Team

Overview: We are delighted to be able to offer an Emergency First Aid Course for church workers and volunteers, in conjunction with Wakefield Council's Commercial Service Team.
Drinks are provided throughout the course, please bring a packed lunch. A minimum of 10 attendees is required for the course to run; payment is non-refundable if you do not attend.
To receive certification, candidates must be able to get on the floor to demonstrate recovery position and CPR (please wear suitable, comfortable clothing to allow you to do this), complete the full day course and bring photo ID such as a passport or driving licence.

Cost: £63.75 + Eventbrite costs

How to book: To book your place, please click here.

Summer Reflective Day: Mary Magdalene- Finding Life

Date and Time: **Tuesday 21 July 10am-4pm**

Location: Holy Rood House, Centre for Health and Pastoral Care, 10 Sowerby Road, Thirsk, N. Yorkshire. YO7 1HX

Organiser: Holy Rood House

Leader: Helen Warwick

Overview: On this reflective retreat day Helen will offer poems, creative ideas and prayers connecting to our Summer garden and Mary Magdalene. Using the spacious facilities of the garden, labyrinth, creative hub and chapel this will be a relaxing and inspirational day. A light lunch will be included, and the day will end with tea and cake.

Cost: The suggested donation for the day is £40, please pay before the day

How to book: To book the day please ring on 01845 522580 or email at .



TEND- Networking Event

Date and Time: **Saturday 5 September 10am-3pm**

Location: Purlwell, Batley

Organiser: Diocese Children, Young People and Families Team

Overview: The aim of these events is to equip and inspire each other, with opportunities for workshops, prayer, networking.

Workshops will include:

- Being a Youth-Friendly Church
- Godly Play taster
- Intergenerational ministry
- Children's ministry
- Youth ministry
- Parenting for Faith
- Additional Needs

The day will run from 10-3pm, with refreshments available from 9:30am. Please bring your own lunch.

To book your place: click here

Transforming Conflict 1: Leadership, Discipleship and Community-A Foundation Course for Christian Leaders

Date and Time: **Sunday 6 September-Friday 11 September**

Location: St Columbia's House, Woking, GU22 8AB

Organiser: Bridge Builders

Overview: Our flagship course, designed for those with leadership responsibility, laying the foundation for recognising our call as Christian disciples to live well with difference and tension. Five days packed with opportunities to learn through teaching, group work, skills practice, prayer and personal reflection. Conflict is a normal and inevitable part of life, yet leaders often feel ill-prepared to face conflict, and disturbed that it is present in Christian communities. *Transforming Conflict 1: Leadership, Discipleship and Community* (formerly called *Transforming Church Conflict*) is designed to help those in leadership roles who are looking for encouragement to face conflict constructively.

Cost: £955, a training manual, accommodation, meals and refreshments are included in the fee.

Book your place: Visit this page for more details and to book your place

Theology Reading Group

Date and Time: **Monday 7 September 2pm**

Location: Leeds

Overview: We will be discussing 'Breaking not Broken: Ableism and the Church after Constantine' by Tim Goode.
The Leeds Theology Reading Groups meets three times a year, usually in January, May and September on a weekday afternoon, in Headingley, to discuss a book, chosen by the members, of a theological nature.
For more info: Please email jess.fort@leeds.anglican.org

Reflecting on Occasional Offices- Funerals (LLM's only)

Date and Time: **Saturday 12 September**
Location: St Philip's Church, Scholes, 21 Main Street, Leeds, LS15 4DJ
Organiser: Diocese Ministerial Development Team
Overview: This session is for those who need a refresher on how to lead a funeral and all the aspects that go along with this. The day will include re-enacting a funeral and discussion on how it feels to lead. There will also be information on funeral visits, including listening skills and the practicalities of funerals, such as prep, working with funeral directors and completing the correct finance forms. Finally, the attending will develop their preaching skills, specifically for a funeral context and discuss how to adapt this for a 'different' or 'difficult' funeral.
Book your place: Click this link for the form to book your place. Please note booking closes on the 5 September 2026

Messy Church Learning Community

Date and Time: **Tuesday 15 September**
Location: Online
Organiser: Diocese Children, Young People and Families Team **Overview:** If you are involved in a Messy Church Team who are seeking to reach people of all ages with the good news of Jesus, then this community could be for you.
Join us online for this meeting where we will be thinking a little deeper about the hospitality we offer at Messy Church and how this might extend beyond providing food and refreshments.
Book your place: To book your place and to be added to the Messy Church Learning Community group, please email childrenyouth@leeds.anglican.org

Leadership and Evangelism

Date and Time: **Wednesday 16 September**
Location: Online
Organiser: CPAS
Overview: Are you in Christian leadership and aged 40 and under? Are you looking to connect with other young leaders?
What does it mean to lead evangelistically today? David Senior brings rich experience as Diocesan Mission Enabler, Archbishops' Evangelist, and Premier Christian Radio presenter. He'll share lessons from equipping parishes in evangelism, linking social action with gospel witness, and encouraging those with evangelistic callings. This session will explore the qualities leaders need to model and multiply in order to keep the good news of Jesus central in their ministry.
Cost: Free
For more info and to register: Click here

Lecture- John Bell 'The Imagination as a key to Unlocking Scripture'

Date and Time: **Saturday 19 September 10am-12pm**
Location: St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate and on Zoom
Theological Institution: Harrogate School of Theology and Mission
Overview: The Imagination is sometimes regarded as being an unreliable or mischievous faculty, more of a danger to faith than an aid. But given that it is commonly employed by the prophets in their writings and Jesus in his parables, it deserves serious consideration. In this lecture, John Bell will argue that the imagination is an essential aid not only to interpreting scripture but also an ally in pastoral work and preaching, as it offers an alternative to rigid thinking and dull speech.
Leader: John Bell has worked for over 30 years in the areas of music, worship, spirituality and social justice. He conducts workshops and seminars across the globe and, with his colleagues, develops new and accessible liturgical materials. He is an occasional broadcaster and for over 20 years was a regular contributor to Radio 4's Thought for the Day.
Cost: £10 (including breakfast and refreshments)
Students: £7; Under 18s free.
Zoom live-stream: £5 per person, must be purchased online in advance.
Booking and further info: tickets and information will be available soon on this link

Equipped for Ministry: Science and the Life of the Church

Date and Time: **7.30-9.30pm, Mondays: 21 Sept 2026, 12 Oct, 16 Nov, 18 Jan 2027, 22 Feb, 22 Mar**
Location: Online
Institution: The Faraday Institute
Overview: Worship, teaching, pastoral care… At the Faraday Institute we are well aware of the ways in which science can speak fruitfully into the core activities of the Church's ministry and mission. For example, images of distant galaxies can inspire wonder and worship, science is a source of modern parables to help the whole congregation, including scientifically minded people, to see the Bible with fresh eyes, and pastoral care is often informed by psychology. The life of the Church also feeds into science. For instance, many scientists find their Christian faith inspires them to value, explore and take care of creation – human as well as everything else – and prompts consideration of the limits of the experimental method. We and those in our network want to grow in learning how to live out these principles of faith informing science and science informing faith in our teaching and service in our own churches and beyond.
Cost: Standard ticket-£90, Student ticket- £45
Book your place: See this page for more details

Cambridge Theological Federation-Inaugural Conference

Date and Time: **9am Tuesday 22nd-5pm Thursday 24th September**
Location: Woolf Institute, Madingley Road, Cambridge, CB3 0UB
Institution: Woolf Institute
Overview: The Cambridge Theological Federation is convening a three-day academic conference from Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th September, under the title of: "Ecumenism and Interfaith in an Age of Global Crisis: Challenge and Hope."
The conference is hosted by the Woolf Institute on the Westminster College Site and will bring together twelve member institutions for three days of activities to explore the immense challenges that ecumenical and interfaith work are facing in today's world, and also to showcase, and find hope in, the invaluable ecumenical and interfaith work already being undertaken within the CTF and beyond.
The conference will involve presentations, panel discussions and keynote talks, as well as including a formal dinner on Tuesday 22nd and a formal reception on Wednesday 23rd. We welcome guests to attend either individual days or the entire conference.
Book your place: See this page for more details



Leading Well: A Five-Session Online Leadership Course 2026/27

Date and Time: **a day (9.30am-3.30pm) a month from October 2026 to March 2027: Thursday 8 October 2026, Thursday 12 November 2026, Thursday 14 January 2027, Thursday 11 February 2027, Thursday 11 March 2027.**

Location: Online

Organiser: CPAS

Overview: Looking to develop in your leadership? Wanting to explore how to lead a church in mission? Longing for a place to explore questions and concerns in a safe environment? This course is for you.

Leading well as a Christian leader, lay or ordained, is both stimulating and demanding, particularly during the early years of a leadership post. This course will enable you to invest in two areas: your 'outer life' (the leadership skills to lead a church and team well) and your 'inner life' (leading in a way that is life-giving and sustainable).

Cost: £315

To find out more and book your place: Click here

Intergenerational Worship

Date and Time: **Tuesday 1 October 10am-12pm**

Location: Church House, 17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX

Organiser: Diocese Children, Young People and Families Team

Overview: An opportunity to consider the importance of intergenerational worship for the whole church. During this workshop we will:

- Consider what we mean by 'Intergenerational Worship' and why it is significant in the life of the church
- Think about how we might do it well within our services
- Share some examples of good practice
- Look at how we might nurture children and young people in their faith within an Intergenerational context
- Look at different ways of making prayer interactive

Each participant will receive a workbook full of ideas and resources to take away with them.

Book your place: To book your place, please email childrenyouth@leeds.anglican.org

Barrenness, Disability, and Death: Re-membering the Body

Date and Time: **Monday 5 to Friday 9 October**

Location: St George's House, Windsor Castle, Windsor, SL4 1NJ

Organiser: St George's House Trust

Overview: From Monday 5th to Friday 9th October 2026, St George's House will hold a Consultation entitled Barrenness, Disability, and Death: Re-membering the Body. This has been designed for Clergy with at least five years of ministerial experience. Three doctoral researchers from the University of Aberdeen – Stephanie Kate Judd, Phil King and Breanne Magill – will lead it, assisted by the Dean and Canons of Windsor.

Cost: £225

Please email St George's House – patricia.birdseye@stgeorgeshouse.org – or telephone 01753 848886 for an application form.

Places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.www.stgeorgeshouse.org

'Get your head into that book! Reading fiction for faith'

Date and Time: **Tuesday 6 October 10am-4pm 9:45am start**

Location: Holy Rood House, Thirsk, YO7 1HX

Organiser: Holy Rood House

Overview: The Day will be led by Tiffany Conlin, who is an Anglican priest and theological educator based in Northumberland. She is the Director of Contextual Learning at Lindisfarne College of Theology, which trains people from the North East for lay and ordained ministry. Tiffany is a fledgling gardener, endeavouring to grow her own veg and herbs. She loves getting lost in novels and is currently reading her way through the entire works of one writer for the whole year!

Book your place: See this page for details on how to book

Biblical Models of Neurodiversity Course

Date and Time: **Thursday 15 October 1-4pm**

Location: Online via Zoom

Organiser: Sarum College

Leader: Revd John Allister

Overview: John will introduce several different Biblical models that we can use to understand neurodiversity and inclusion, such as the Tower of Babel, the Body of Christ and Earthen Vessels. Together we will work through them to help us understand neurodiversity better and then explore some practical strategies for inclusion. Expect a mixture of taught content and discussion. No previous knowledge necessary

Cost: Early bird online ticket- £35, Standard online ticket- £40

To book: See this page for details and to book your place

Preaching Mark's Gospel Course

Date and Time: **Friday 16 October 10am-4pm**

Location: Sarum College, 19 The Close, Salisbury, SP1 2EE

Organiser: Sarum College

Tutor: The Revd Paul Burden

Overview: As the lectionary gospel for the next church year, we will explore the message of Mark for today. We will investigate the purpose and message of Mark's gospel. We will relate that to the issues confronting our congregations in living as disciples of Christ. And we will think about how Mark communicates, and how that might give us fresh lessons and ideas for our own preaching. We will have presentational input, group discussion and will earth our thinking through a deeper look at one passage from the gospel. Not only for preachers, but for those who receive preaching and for those who wish to think through the gospel more fully.

Cost: Early bird ticket- £65, Standard ticket- £70

To book: See this page for details and to book your place

Collective Worship

Date and Time: **Tuesday 20 October**

Location: Church House, 17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX

Organiser: Diocese Education Team

Overview: This session is suitable for those who are new to working in schools but also those who may benefit from a refresher or some new ideas, as lots are shared throughout the session.

Book your place: Click this link to fill in the form to book your place. Please note booking closes on the 13 October 2026

Parish Finances & PCC Governance

Date and Time: **Thursday 22nd October in person, Tuesday 27th October online**

Location: Church House, 17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX

Organiser Diocese Stewardship team

Overview:

In this half-day session, led by the Stewardship team, we will explore the responsibilities of the PCC, and the role of clergy and other PCC members within that. We will discuss wider diocesan finances, as well as looking into the detail of your parish finances and exploring what is going well, offering practical advice for further improvements.

In person, at Church House on Thursday 22nd October, 10am-12pm followed by a free lunch. You can book your space on Eventbrite here.

This session will be repeated online the following week, Tuesday 27th October, 7-9pm. You can register for this meeting here.

Seminar: Forgiveness

Date and Time: **Saturday 24 October**

Location: Woodlands Methodist Church, Wetherby Road, Harrogate, HG2 7SG

Organiser: Harrogate School of Theology and Mission

Cost: General admission £8, under 18s free

Booking and further info: Tickets and further information will soon be available via this link



Ministry with Children, Young People and Families

Date and Time: Monday 2 November

Location: Church House, Leeds, LS1 2EX

Organiser: The Diocese Children, Young People and Families Team

Overview: If your role involves engaging with youth and children's work, then this session is for you. Led by the Diocese Children, Young People and Families Team, this day will focus on how to incorporate youth work into your church setting and how best to involve people intergenerationally in church services and events.

Book your place: Click this link to fill in the form to book your place. Please note booking closes on the 26 October 2026

Remaking After Trauma: The Role of the Church

Date and Time: Saturday 7 November

Location: Westminster College, Cambridge and Online

Institution: The Faraday Institute

Overview: Around 70% of adults have at least one traumatic experience at some point in their lives. For many people around the world, these experiences will be multiple, deep or lasting. In some circumstances, being a Christian can result in an increased risk of trauma. In nearly every setting, Christians have the opportunity to serve others who have been traumatised. How can the church support people who have experienced trauma, and do so in biblically and theologically informed ways? How can we become aware of the impact of trauma at multiple levels? How can we support each other, and those in our wider communities, through traumatic experiences? What does post-traumatic growth, or remaking after trauma, look like? Join us to explore this vital area of the Church's work, alongside experienced practitioners and teachers. This course is designed as continuing professional development for church leaders, as well as training for active church members and parachurch volunteers. A certificate of attendance can be supplied on request.

Cost: In person-£54, Student in person -£38, Online-£27

Book your place: Visit this page to book your place

Pre-Retirement Conference for Clergy

Date and Time: **Tuesday 10 November – Thursday 12 November**

Location: Scargill House, Kettlewell, North Yorkshire, BD23 5HU

Conference Content: Input from Windmills, the Church of England Pensions/Housing Teams, and recently retired clergy. Based on the course previously developed and run by Blackburn Diocese.

Audience: Clergy (and their spouses) within 10 years of their retirement.

Limited Spaces: Please contact Steve Proudlove to indicate if you would be interested in reserving one or two of the allocated spaces for Leeds Diocese. Final allocations to each diocese are made by Scargill, in consultation with diocesan Directors of CMD, depending on demand from individual dioceses.

Thinking Theologically about Conflict & Peace Course

Date and Time: **Wednesday 11 November 10am-4pm**

Location: Online and at Sarum College

Organiser: Sarum College

Overview: Jesus said "Blessed are the peacemakers." What does it mean to be a peacemaker? What does God call us to do in times of conflict? This day will be interactive with lecture and discussion, exploring various biblical texts in relation to themes of conflict and peace. We will explore underlying biblical perspetives and methods of peacemaking to address conflict and injustice and consider the theological resources available to us for understanding how to live faithfully in conflict-ridden times.

Book your place: See this page for more details and to book your place

Lecture- Paul Kunert: Jesus Died to save the planet

Date and Time: **Saturday 21 November**

Location: St Mark's Church Leeds Road, Harrogate and on Zoom

Theological Institution: Harrogate School of Theology and Mission

Cost: £10 (including breakfast and refreshments), students: £7, Under 18s: free. Zoom live-stream: £5 per person, must be purchased online in advance

Booking and further info: tickets and further information will soon be available via this link

December

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Seminar- Dr David Alan: The Book of Job

Date and Time: **Saturday 5 December**

Location: Woodlands Methodist Church, Wetherby Road, Harrogate, HG2 7SG

Organiser: Harrogate School of Theology and Mission

Cost: General Admission: £8, under 18s: free

Booking and further info: Tickets and information available soon from this link

Wellbeing Resources

Diocesan Webpage: Wellbeing, Counselling and Support for Clergy

This is where you will find the most up-to-date information about resources to support clergy wellbeing.
https://www.leeds.anglican.org/how-we-can-help/supporting-clergy/wellbeing-counselling-and-support-for-clergy/
Some, but not all, of the resources listed on the website are reproduced below.

Employee Assistance Programme (EAP):

The employee assistance programme offers a range of services such as:

- **24-hour helpline:** share a problem with someone who listens to you with care before getting actionable advice.
- **Telephone counselling:** work through your problems with a qualified therapist accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).
- **Face-to-face counselling sessions:** speak with a qualified professional in a private and confidential setting near you
- **Wisdom app:** a comprehensive library of resources to help you get through life's challenges.

  And much more...

This all free and totally confidential. No one at the Diocese will be able to see your name or any record of conversations. Why not take a look?



To Access the EAP:

- You can access the EAP by telephoning 0800 028 0199 or by using Wisdom, either via the app, or **Wisdom desktop site**.
- To access their online resources, you will need a username and password. To obtain these please contact: **The HR Team**

Clergy Transitions Service

The Clergy Transitions Service (CTS) **provides confidential, personal support for Clergy who are at a vocational crossroad, or who are looking for a fresh opportunity.**

The CTS caters for all backgrounds and traditions in the Church of England – from Clergy currently in parochial posts, sector ministry, new forms of church and mission agencies, as well as ordained people currently employed or engaged in contexts other than the church. It is open to those currently serving in self-supporting posts, who are seeking a stipendiary role.

As well as practical help with developing a personal profile, job applications, and interview skills, the Service can work with individuals to develop a deeper understanding of their strengths and talents. By encouraging participants to develop greater self-awareness, reflect on personal values and think prayerfully about context and culture CTS can support the process of transition.

The CTS opens access to a wide range of resources to support a lifelong, fulfilling service to the Church, including access to a network of practitioners inside and outside the Church.

There is a cost of £400 plus VAT for an individual to use the Clergy Transitions Service for up to a year. If you wish to access this service you will either need to pay for this yourself or apply to the Director of Ministry Formation (Steve Proudlove) or your area Ministerial Development Officer to use your CMD grant. The MDO you contact will treat your accessing the service as completely confidential – but cannot authorize your use of your CMD pot to pay for this unless he/she knows who you are.

If you wish to take advantage of this service, please:

- ✓ Email clergy.transitions@churchofengland.org
- ✓ Click the link to find out more The Clergy Transitions Service | The Church of England

If you want to proceed further after your initial meeting:

- Contact your MDO to say that you wish to use your CMD grant to pay for this.
- Once your MDO approves the use of your CMD pot to fund this service, pay the invoice directly and then claim a refund using the standard CMD Claim form.
- If you do not have sufficient funds in your CMD pot, you will have to pay the extra.

Clergy Support Trust

Who are we? Clergy Support Trust is the largest charity focused on the wellbeing of Anglican clergy and their families, supporting thousands of households across the UK, Ireland, Diocese of Europe and Diocese of Sodor and Man.

Independent from the Church, inclusive and impartial we were originally founded in 1655. We have never been more needed than today providing an expanding range of grants and support services.

How we serve: Perhaps best-known for providing financial grants, we also offer mental and physical health support through a visiting caseworker team, and work with specialist partners to deliver essential services, like counselling and occupational therapies.

We also provide funding towards the work of organisations that directly support clergy households.

Grants available: Financial support, emergency, wellbeing, health, debt support. Click the following link to check your eligibility: Eligibility | Clergy Support Trust

Find out more: Helping Anglican clergy and their families in times of need | Clergy Support Trust

Alongside Scheme

Would you value a companion who can support you in ministry, share their wisdom and experience, and pray for both your personal flourishing and for the ministry to which you have been called?

Provider: ReSource (Charity Number 1180394). ReSource exists to support local churches in spiritual renewal. With Anglican roots, we work in the Church of England and beyond, with a particular focus on 'little, local, ordinary' churches and their leaders, lay and ordained.

What is it? The Alongside Scheme supports church leaders in the whole of their lives, both their ministry context and their personal life of prayer. Prayerful, personal support for church leaders.

A trained ReSource Companion undertakes to meet with a church leader on a mutually agreed pattern, online and/or in person, and also commits to pray for the church leader in between their meetings.

As a prophetic voice and critical friend, the ReSource Companion offers:

- a commitment to pray regularly for the church leader
- objectivity from an outside context
- the wisdom of their own ministry experience
- the courage to ask searching questions
- the giftedness to offer wise counsel where that might enrich a leader's life and ministry

Find out more here: Alongside Scheme — Resourcing Renewal

Frances Ashton Charity

Help for serving and retired members of the Clergy of the Church of England and widows/widowers thereof.

Since 1747 Frances Ashton's Charity has been helping those who spend their lives serving God and their parish. The Frances Ashton Charity will consider a modest grant for almost any purpose which is causing financial hardship. For example, we could help with:

- The cost of a new pair of glasses
- A respite care break for a disabled family dependent
- The cost of a family holiday
- The cost of repairing a broken boiler

Particular priorities for support include unforeseeable emergencies, medical or care needs for the applicant or their dependents. Whilst the trustees meet formally twice a year, we try to respond to requests as and when received, especially when hardship is immediate. There are a few exceptions where the Charity is unable to help, for example parish expenses or private education.

If you are serving, retired or a widow/widower of a member of the clergy of the Church of England and you have a hardship, please ask us for an application form and the full guidance notes. For an application form and guidance please contact us, or download a form from our website.

Tel: 07775 717 606

Email: francesashton@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.francesashton.co.uk

Library Access

Holden Library at the University of Leeds

Clergy, those training for ordination, Licensed Lay Ministers and those training for Licensed Lay Ministry may all access Holden Library.

Further Information & Joining Instructions: You can register online before visiting or, in person. More information here: Local clergy | Who can use the Library | Library | University of Leeds

What you can access: You can borrow up to 10 items from the University Library, including the Holden collection.

You may also have access to e-resources from guest PCs within the library buildings.

If you cannot visit the libraries in person, you can request a postal loan for books or an electronic version of journal articles we subscribe to. Please email the Document Supply team to arrange this.

Church Army Library

Content: A library of 15,000 theological books, journals and articles; the most significant theological library in South Yorkshire, with a particular focus on mission and evangelism. Alongside books on theology and mission are collections relating to diverse areas including world religions, ethics, feminist theology, fresh expressions of church, lifelong learning and ministry among children, young people, older people and the homeless.

Location: Wilson Carlisle Centre, 50 Cavendish Street, Sheffield, S3 7RZ

About the Venue: There are desks for quiet study and free WiFi. Our library is open to those looking for a tranquil place to work, away from the distractions of everyday life.

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Elena Walker, Library Administrator, is usually in the Library on Wednesdays to offer help and support.

Membership Fees: Membership without borrowing rights is £10 a year. Annual membership with borrowing rights is just £30.

Further Information: Click the following link for their website WCC Library - Church Army

Resources

Association for Promoting Retreats

Want to take a retreat but not sure where to look? Don't have time to go through each retreat centre's website? Well, the Association for Promoting Retreats put all the centre's events in one place. You can search by location and see what is near you or in a place you have always wanted to go!

The Association for Promoting Retreats was founded in 1913 by group of clergy and laity keen to encourage and promote the attending of retreats in the Church of England. In the latter part of the 20th century, other denominational retreat groups grew also formed, which in turn led to the establishment of the Retreat Association in the 1980s.

APR also have a bursary scheme to help and encourage more people to go on retreat, particularly if they cannot afford the full cost themselves. To find out more, click the following link: Association for Promoting Retreats -

British Sign Language for Beginners

Whether you're completely new to sign language or looking for an easy way to begin your BSL journey, our British Sign Language for Beginners course is the ideal starting point.
The course developed by Signature, the UK's leading awarding body for BSL qualifications, gives you everything you need to begin learning BSL at home, at your own pace, on any device.
It focusses on basic 'How to greet people and have a simple conversation in Sign Language' skills and may be useful for clergy and lay leaders, or anyone in parish who would like to learn some beginner-friendly Sign Language.
Click here for more info about the course and click here to find out more about Deaf Ministry in the Diocese of Leeds

Otley Christian Resources Hub

Otley Christian Resources Hub **aims to help local churches in their work with children, young people and families** via enabling, encouraging, resourcing and training. You are welcome to visit The Hub to see the resources. Please see contact details.

Resources to Borrow: interactive resources for children, families and community groups including story bags / baskets, Godly Play, All About the Bible, Christmas / Easter, Prayer Activities.

School and Community Projects

- 96 Open the Book stories for use in primary schools
- What's the Story: a unique opportunity to share the stories of Christmas and Easter with schools, families and community groups

Website & Latest Newsletter: www.ocrh.org.uk

Contact Details: 07592296356

Church Support Hub Online Training

RESOURCING CHURCH ADMINISTRATION IS A series of more than 120 short videos developed in consultation with church administrators.

The videos introduce topics ranging from GDPR to email platforms, safeguarding, supporting church services, building admin, life events, and much more. No registration or login is required to access the videos, and you can access them as and when you need them.

Visit the page to see the videos and training here: Essential video guides to support church administration - Church Support Hub

Retreats 2026

Retreat for Clergy and Lay Ministers Engaging with Islam and Muslims

Date: **15-17 July**

Location: Parcevall Hall, Appletreewick, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 6DG

Leader: Bishop Toby Howarth

Retreat Content: This retreat offers companionship for reflection and renewal for clergy and lay ministers who live out a calling to engage with Muslims. There will be opportunities to share the joy of relationships and ministry as well as the challenges posed by context and the political environment. Bishop Toby brings a wealth of experience in this area and commitment to the pastoral care of clergy.

Cost: £198

Book your place: To book your place, please contact the Hall on 01756 720213 or by email at admin@parcevallhall.org.uk

Music and Worship Retreat

Date: **14-16 September**

Location: Parcevall Hall, Appletreewick, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 6DG

Leader: Revd Paul Fisher

Retreat Content: At this retreat we will explore the importance of good music for different kinds of Christian worship. We will listen to and play different examples of music, have a go at composing our own short pieces, and aim to finish with a short concert. Please bring your own instruments if you have them. Paul brings his experience in ministry and as a professional musician.

Cost: £198

Book your place: To book your place, please contact the Hall on 01756 720213 or by email at admin@parcevallhall.org.uk

Retreat for Carers and those who care

Date: **17-19 July**

Location: Parcevall Hall, Appletreewick, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 6DG

Leader: Revd Henriette Howarth

Retreat Content: This weekend offers rest and spiritual nourishment to those who live with or care for loved ones who struggle with physical and mental health challenges. There will be time to rest and receive from God, learn from Scripture, and experience God's peace. The retreat will be facilitated by Henriette who is an experienced retreat leader, supported by Sally with music and Carol with creative arts.

Cost: £198

Book your place: To book your place, please contact the Hall on 01756 720213 or by email at admin@parcevallhall.org.uk

Deep and Diverse Prayer Retreat

Date: **23-25 October**

Location: Parcevall Hall, Appletreewick, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 6DG

Leader: Revd Henriette Howarth and Revd Paul and Karen Wheelhouse

Retreat Content: If you long to pray more and experience the divine Love more deeply, this retreat is for you. Finding our inspiration in the scriptures and Christian tradition, we will practice different ways of prayer including silence, contemplation and the Ignatian way, with the assistance of music, nature and images. Henriette, Paul and Karen together bring experience from ordained and lay ministry.

Cost: £198

Book your place: To book your place, please contact the Hall on 01756 720213 or by email at admin@parcevallhall.org.uk

Hebrews: Holding onto Hope

Date: 15-19 June

Location: Scargill House, Kettlewell, North Yorkshire, BD23 5HU

Speakers: Phil Goodacre

Retreat Content: In an ever-changing world where pressure and trials abound, the Book of Hebrews offers a powerful reminder to hold onto hope – the hope we have in Jesus, our Great High Priest, our ultimate sacrifice, our unshakeable anchor.
As we unpack this letter together, we'll see how God's promises remain firm even when life feels fragile – how faith fuels endurance even when the race gets hard. Whether you're feeling weary, questioning your faith, or simply longing for a refreshed sense of hope, come and join us as we focus on the hope we find in Jesus.
Cost: £338 (House full board)
Book your place: To book your place, please see the Scargill – Christian retreats and holidays in the Yorkshire Dales

Wild Women Do

Date: 17-19 July

Location: Scargill House, Kettlewell, North Yorkshire, BD23 5HU

Speaker: Annie Naish and Ruth Meyer

Retreat Content: Are you up for something different? A woman who loves spending time in the outdoors? Seeking a new challenge or adventure? Come and meet with God in the riotous beauty of her creation, through activities such as archery, star gazing, pyrography, sun printing, walking, forest bathing. We hope to be outside as much as possible, sharing stories, talking of faith, reflecting on Scripture, praying creatively, laughing, eating and drinking around a woodland fire. Take some time for yourself, find space to breathe. Some activities will require a reasonable level of fitness, but all will be optional.
Cost: £174.50 (House full board)
Book your place: To book your place, please see the Scargill – Christian retreats and holidays in the Yorkshire Dales

Stories from the Book of Samuel

Date: 22-26 June

Location: Scargill House, Kettlewell, North Yorkshire, BD23 5HU

Speaker: David Runcorn

Retreat Content: When Israel needed guidance and wisdom they told a story. The book of Samuel is one of the greatest examples. This will be a week to listen to some of them and learn how they guide our own faith and understanding. Each day we will tell the story of a character or event and reflect on it together. We will explore how they told their stories – the meaning so often between the lines. We will take time to discuss together what they have to teach us in the lives and journeys that are ours.
Cost: £338 (House full board)
Book your place: To book your place, please see the Scargill – Christian retreats and holidays in the Yorkshire Dales

Sustaining Fruitful Ministry

Date: 23-25 September

Location: Scargill House, Kettlewell, North Yorkshire, BD23 5HU

Speaker: Christopher Landau and Felicity Lawson

Retreat Content: A retreat for clergy and lay leaders seeking to be faithful for the marathon rather than a sprint. We will reflect on 'the fire that doesn't go out' and 'the well that doesn't dry up', welcoming the consolation and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the joys and sorrows of public ministry. The retreat is run in partnership with ReSource www.resourcingrenewal.org.
Cost: £174.50 (House full board)
Book your place: To book your place, please see the Scargill – Christian retreats and holidays in the Yorkshire Dales

Praying with St Ignatius

Date: 5-7 June

Location: House Of The Resurrection, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, West Yorkshire, WF14 0BN

Leader: Fr Nicolas Stebbing CR

Retreat Content: This retreat will guide and encourage you to go deeper into this contemplative activity, particularly through the gospel accounts of the life and work of Jesus. No previous knowledge or practice is necessary. Come as you are, because that is the person God knows and loves. As Ignatius discovered, experiencing this is a joy and freedom that is life-changing.
Cost: £196 in a standard Retreat House room with shared bathrooms; £223 in an en-suite room.
Book your place: To book your place, please see the Community of the Resurrection website

Pre- Advent Clergy Retreat

Date: 16-20 November

Location: House Of The Resurrection, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, West Yorkshire, WF14 0BN

Leader: Fr Ryan Green CR

Retreat Content: The Pre-Advent Clergy retreat is a silent retreat with daily addresses. In this year's Retreat, 'With the Spirit and Power of Elijah,' we will be considering the fiery character of Elijah. We will reflect on this demanding and conflicted character in all his triumph and doubt; in the extraordinary encounters he has with the divine; and in his miraculous confrontations with life and death. What might Elijah's prophetic witness have to say to us today as we reflect upon our own vocation and sense of call?
Cost: £392 in a standard Retreat House room with shared bathrooms; £445 in an en-suite room.
Book your place: To book your place, please see the Community of the Resurrection website

Monastic Experience

Date: 29 June- 3 July

Location: House Of The Resurrection, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, West Yorkshire, WF14 0BN

Retreat Content: Fr Oswin and the brothers of the Community welcome you to come and spend some time living in a monastic community and looking at how the Rule of St Benedict provides instruction on balancing the various parts of life.
Through sharing in CR's worship and prayers, household and garden chores, studying scripture, attending addresses and discussions on the religious life, participants can experience this life from the inside, explore questions, and embark on a journey of discernment. Applications are invited from men and women aged between 18 and 45.
Cost: There will be a modest administrative charge for the week
Book your place: To book your place, please see the Community of the Resurrection website

Lay Advent Retreat

Date: 4-6 December

Location: House Of The Resurrection, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, West Yorkshire, WF14 0BN

Retreat Conductors: CR Novitiate
Cost: £196 in a standard retreat house room with shared bathrooms; £223 in an en-suite room
Book your place: To book your place, please see the Community of the Resurrection website