

Monday to Wednesday at 4.30pm for 1 hour.

Name	Subject	Day
Pete James	Growing in Prayer	Monday
Fr Damian Howard	How Muslims see Christians	Monday
AD Nick Shutt & Jonny Devereux	Photography	Monday & Wednesday
+Nick McKinnel	A Hitch Hiker’s Guide to the Pastoral Epistles	Tuesday
Sue Gillingham	Creation in the Hebrew Bible as the Foundation of all Biblical Theology: Problems and Possibilities	Tuesday
Ian Bussell	Everyday mindfulness	Tuesday
Tom Pearson	Life Events Diary	Tuesday
David Runcorn	Ministry in the face of failure	Tuesday
Cate Williams	Wild Church	Tuesday
Chloe Axford & team	Digital Ministry	Tuesday & Wednesday
+Jackie Searle	High Fives and the Human Rainbow: Practical tools for Handling Conflict in a Church Context	Wednesday
Liz Griffiths	It’s Not Just Me! A Systems Perspective on Leadership	Wednesday
AD Verena Breed	Rural Ministry	Wednesday
Ed Moffat, Sophie West & Adrian Hough	Joint Councils/simplifying Church Governance	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

GROWING IN PRAYER

Pete James

Monday

Pete James recently planted St Basil’s Church with the vision of it being a community founded on a life of prayer. He’ll share briefly about this vision and passion before helping us spend the rest of our time together actually praying rather than talking about it!

HOW MUSLIMS SEE CHRISTIANS

Damian Howard

Monday

One of the most important things which frame interreligious encounter is how we situate one another in our worldview. This workshop will outline how Muslims see Christians and Christianity, exploring some of the misunderstandings which can arise and discussing how the relationship is best understood from the Christian side.

PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY FOR FUN... *Mission Impossible?*

Archdeacon Nick Shutt & Jonny Devereux

Monday & Wednesday (repeat)

Join a fun packed hour featuring a small bit of learning and lots of practical application.

Your mission, should you decide to accept it...

- is to learn how to take better photos/videos with your phone in 15 minutes...
- spend 30 minutes completing your mission of shooting an image/video on a topic to be disclosed on the day...
- and then take part in a 15-minute session sharing your results...

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Ven Nick Shutt & Revd Jonny Devereux.

A HITCH HIKER'S GUIDE TO THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

Bishop Nick McKinnel

Tuesday

Coming as they do at the end of the apostolic age, the Letters to Timothy and Titus have plenty to say about ministry in uncertain times. We will try and find encouragements and insights for today.

CREATION IN THE HEBREW BIBLE

As the Foundation of all Biblical Theology: Problems and Possibilities

Sue Gillingham

Tuesday

As Christians, we face enormous challenges in recognising and acting on social and environmental injustices created by humans that are damaging our created world for future generations. Whether fighting climate change by reducing fossil fuels and pollution; or defending indigenous and local populations' rights to their lands against destructive agriculture and mining practices; or preserving the natural world and rainforests so we can all breathe clean air, drink safe water, and eat healthy food - we are constantly challenged to review our stewardship of God's creation.

Some of us might have heard of the 'Exeter Project' (this at Exeter University: see <https://humanities.exeter.ac.uk/theology/research/projects/beyondstewardship/exeter/>) but perhaps few of us have really reflected in depth on the relevance of Scripture to these issues. The New Testament, in fact, has very little to say about God and Creation, but the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament offers many (sometimes contradictory!) insights.

Creation in the Hebrew Bible as the Foundation of Biblical Theology: Problems and Possibilities is designed to make you think further about this. Come along, learn something new, perhaps, and engage with discussions about a concern which affected the ancients as much as it does us today!

The Revd. Canon Professor Sue Gillingham D.D. is Emeritus Professor of the Hebrew Bible at the University of Oxford, Senior Research Fellow at Worcester College, Oxford, and Director of the Oxford Psalms Network. She has been working for some twenty years on a commentary on the Psalms, which looks at their reception history through expositions, liturgy, art, music, drama and poetry, in both in Jewish and Christian traditions. Two Volumes of Psalms through the Centuries have appeared in print and the final volume is due out in 2022. She was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in 2018 and was installed as Canon Theologian in Exeter Cathedral later that year. She has written many talks and papers both nationally and internationally on the Book of Psalms, for both the Academy and the Church.

EVERYDAY MINDFULNESS

Ian Bussell

Tuesday

Mindfulness is the practice of being aware in the present moment with an attitude of compassionate curiosity. Research for the government and NHS has demonstrated its benefits for general wellbeing as well as specific difficulties such as anxiety, sleeplessness, and stress. The links to contemplative and listening prayer will also become apparent in this taster session.

LIFE EVENTS DIARY

Tom Pearson

Tuesday

The Life Events Diary is an online administration tool to help churches streamline the administration of Baptism, Weddings, Banns, and Funerals, so that they can focus on the ministry and mission of the life events services. FREE to every church in the Church of England, the Life Events Diary is paid for by the Church of England's Life Events Team. It is designed to work with any parish structure, from a single church, a multi-parish benefice, even a whole deanery. It has been built with the combined experience and expertise of the Church of England's Life Events Team and iKnow Church, specialists in church IT and administration systems.

Using the Life Events Diary your church(es) can:

- Record legal and personal data of families safely and securely
 - Reduce duplication of data-collection and data-entry
 - Print out key information about a service in relevant formats
 - Customise, record, and track service fees
 - Never forget a significant date for pastoral care, or an opportunity for follow-up after a service, with email reminders
 - Share data, tasks and messages with others in the church to help you direct, delegate and coordinate from wherever you are
 - Digitally produce the Marriage Document for all of your Weddings
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MINISTRY IN THE FACE OF FAILURE

David Runcorn

Tuesday

'We had hoped ...'

Experiences of failure and disappointment are part of faithful ministry. They are also for listening to and learning from. A workshop in which to share, reflect and learn together.

WILD CHURCH

Cate Williams

Tuesday

Forest Church workshop: This is an opportunity to both participate in a brief act of Forest Church worship and explore in conversation the potential for engaging in this way in your locality. It is a fabulous way to engage those members of our communities who are not church members but would be open to exploring Christian spirituality in the outdoors, with 'green' priorities front and centre. It has the added bonus of working very well as intergenerational worship. A Forest is not necessary, the term is a catch-all for engaging with nature, which could equally be beach, moor, riverside, meadow, copse or churchyard!

Cate is Environmental Engagement Officer for the Diocese of Gloucester, a role which includes the Diocesan 2030 carbon net zero goal, Eco Church, and partnership with Messy Church on their new 'Messy Church Goes Wild' venture. She has been engaged with Forest Church for over a decade, facilitating her own locally and visiting many others as part of her PhD which was completed in 2021. She is the author of the Forest Church Grove booklet. Cate believes that noticing, appreciating, and giving thanks to God for creation, a core practice within Forest Church, is a key to enable churches to lead by example as our society faces the climate and biodiversity crises. She considers that we have a particular role to play in maintaining hope in the face of crisis and opening our imaginations to build and live a new green future.

Digital Ministry

Communication Team

Tuesday & Wednesday (repeat)

We inhabit an increasingly digital culture and using technology creatively in church services and beyond can be a powerful way of connecting with new people and building lasting relationships. It can also bring to life the story of our faith in exciting new ways, in a language people can relate to. This workshop is a practical session which aims to help you become more confident using digital technology in your ministry or encouraging others in your churches to do so.

It will cover:

- Simple filming and editing using a mobile phone, tablet or laptop,
- Social media
- Livestreaming and recording services
- Sound
- Creating publicity materials and graphics
- Websites
- Technology for Worship
- Creative Planning
- Working with the Media

The workshop will be tailored to the skill level and experience of those who sign-up for it and we will begin each session by finding out what you most want to know.

**HIGH FIVES AND THE HUMAN RAINBOW:
Practical tools for Handling Conflict in a Church Context**
Bishop Jackie Searle

Wednesday

This workshop will explore what can be done in the face of disagreement and tension in a Christian context. It will ask: 'What do I need as a leader/enabler to be equipped at handling this better?'
A practical workshop to explore what happens in conflict and how as leaders in a community we can make a positive difference.

IT'S NOT JUST ME! A systems perspective on Leadership
Liz Griffiths

Wednesday

When faced by multiple pressures, looking at the big picture can bring a better sense of perspective. This workshop will give insights into how family systems theory can help us make considered choices and manage our own responses to tension in healthy ways.
Liz Griffiths is Director of Training with Bridge Builders, and an Anglican Priest. Bridge Builders seeks to strengthen the ministry of Christian leaders, by helping them to be more self-aware, and to develop greater skills, confidence and resilience for working with tensions and conflict in the church.

RURAL MINISTRY
Archdeacon Verena Breed

Wednesday

Rural Ministry is specialist ministry which presents specific challenges to clergy, at the same time it offers unique opportunities. Multi-parish ministry is common.
Exeter Diocese is a diocese with significant rural areas and a wide variety of rural settings and different models of ministry. It is clear that one size doesn't fit all.
How can we best work together, learn from each other, share expertise and ideas? What help and/or support is needed from the centre? How can we help/support each other in our MCs, deaneries, archdeaconries and across the diocese? How can we make the best use of the brilliant working strands that already exist: Devon Churches Rural Forum, Growing the Rural Church, the Bright Fields movement, our County Shows, ...
I believe that together we can create a centre of excellence in Rural Ministry – an exciting future lies ahead. I am looking forward to listening to you, exploring possibilities, and walking together with you on this journey.

JOINT COUNCILS/ SIMPLIFYING CHURCH GOVERNANCE

Adrian Hough/Sophie West/Ed Moffatt

Surgery & Workshop

Monday to Wednesday

On Monday and Tuesday, we are interested primarily in those who have an actual situation that you really want to address so that we can provide you with the very best help. Numbers may be capped at 6 for half hour sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Please book so that times can be allocated. Wednesday will be a full hour interactive workshop.

‘Next Steps’ in Church Governance -

Simplifying Structures and Releasing Energy for Mission

Governance is not an aspect of church life that tends to excite people – but secure governance is a key marker of health and sustainability. Legally, in order to function and retain an open church, a parish must have a quorate PCC: the minimum requirement is at least one clergy member and two lay people. In practice, of course, three people – however skilled and dedicated! – is unlikely to be enough to sustain the life of the Church in all its fulness in a give place, without running those people into the ground!

So, if you’re struggling for PCC members in your Mission Community’s parishes – or if you have multiple parishes being run by small PCCs who may be better off pooling their resources – what are your options?

- You might consider pooling resources by forming a **Joint Council** across all or some parishes in your benefice. A Joint Council – which, like a PCC is a charity and a body corporate – could take on some of the functions of the PCCs (a **‘partial transfer’**); or it could take on all of the functions of the PCCs (a **‘full transfer’**) meaning that the individual PCCs go into abeyance.
- You might consider a **pastoral reorganisation**, instigating a legal process with the aim of joining some parishes together in order to create larger parishes, which require a single PCC (but may have multiple parish churches).

When reviewing governance across your Mission Community you might also look at your **church buildings**, the sustainability of which is closely linked to governance matters.

Members of the diocesan Governance Team will be on hand throughout the conference to offer advice and information on all of the above, with individual or small group ‘surgeries’ available on Monday and Tuesday and a Workshop taking place on Wednesday.

Monday and Tuesday are intended primarily for Incumbent Status Clergy with care of two or more parishes.

Monday - Adrian Hough and Ed Moffatt

Advice on either Joint Councils or pastoral reorganisation.

Tuesday - Adrian Hough

Advice primarily regarding Joint Councils.

Wednesday - Adrian Hough, Ed Moffatt and Sophie West

An interactive workshop with the opportunity to discuss your own situation.

Dr Ed Moffatt is Assistant Diocesan Secretary and coordinates all Synodical Structures and local governance.

Mrs Sophie West is Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Secretary and runs the processes for the reorganisation of parishes.

Revd Dr Adrian Hough is a former Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Secretary and now a consultant in Church Governance as well as an SSM near to Exeter.
