



Supporting Clergy Households in the Diocese of Exeter

The Clergy Household Hub (CHH) aims to help families, spouses and partners of clergy to feel at home in Exeter Diocese through information, support and connection.

If you are a **spouse, partner** or **other family member**, or **living in shared accommodation** with clergy, CHH is here to help. You can also contact us if you are a **member of clergy living alone** or a **clergy couple**.

We are here to offer support and if a chat would help please do not hesitate to drop one of us an email and we will be in touch. Further information and contact details for our archdeaconry representatives can be found at exeter.anglican.org/resources/welcome-to-the-clergy-household-hub-chh

CHH is run by a volunteer Steering Group of clergy spouses and partners with support and oversight from the Diocese of Exeter's Wellbeing Panel. We offer occasional events, information and ways of meeting others.

To join our mailing list or to find out more please contact: Richard Frost richardnfrost@outlook.com.

Richard is the current Chair of the CHH Steering Group and a member of the Wellbeing Panel.



Support from the Diocese of Exeter:

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Counselling

Counselling is available from the **Churches' Ministerial Counselling Service (CMCS)**. It is completely confidential and people can refer themselves. The Diocese are not made aware of who accesses the service.

This service is available to: clergy, spouses, partners and other adult members (aged 18+) of their family living at the same address; Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) and lay workers; retired clergy (if licensed); and widows and widowers of clergy living in the Diocese. It is also available to employees of the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance and any Church Commissioner employees working in the Diocese. Ordinands, LLMs in training and those in the discernment process prior to becoming ordinands can also access the service. Contact: Graham Exon, Area Coordinator graham.cmincs@gmail.com 07867 009 740 or visit cmnics.net

Property matters

If you live in Diocesan housing, Property Services can help with any issues. exeter.anglican.org/resources/buildings-land 01392 294954

Spiritual Direction

Spouses and partners of clergy can access spiritual direction through the Diocese. Contact Karen Curnock or Demelza Henderson spiritualdirectionexeter@gmail.com or visit: exeter.anglican.org/ministry/spiritual-growth/finding-spiritual-guide

Contact details for Diocesan staff:

exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/diocesan-staff

Other support:

Clergy Support Trust

The Clergy Support Trust provides support to Anglican clergy (serving and retired) and ordinands, and their families, in the UK & Ireland. This includes financial support and grants, health and wellbeing support and counselling, a free library for ordinands and curates and a range of other information. clergysupporttrust.org.uk 0800 389 5192

St Luke's for Clergy Wellbeing

St Luke's for Clergy Wellbeing support individual clergy and their families to improve their psychological wellbeing and mental health and is available to spouses or civil partners, dependent children, widows and widowers. stlukesforclergy.org.uk 020 4546 7000

Broken Rites

Broken Rites is an interdenominational group offering mutual support and information to divorced and separated spouses and partners of clergy and recognised ministers. brokenrites.org

Other information:

Exeter Diocese Clergy Handbook

This handbook lays out the terms and conditions of service that will enable clergy to be effective in their ministry. It includes important policy statements and signposting to more detailed guidance.

exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Clergy-Terms-and-Conditions-of-Service-Handbook-January-2024.pdf

Dog kennels

Here's a list of Local Authority licensed holiday homes for canine and feline household members...

findpetboarding.com/boardingkennels/uk/england/south_west/devon

Moving home with children

Whether moving home is a thing of the past or one for the future, we hope that you will find our guide for moving home with kids useful. Download at: exeter.anglican.org/resources/welcome-to-the-clergy-household-hub-chh



Retirement housing

For many clergy, retiring from ministry comes with the need to move to a new home, parish and community. Particularly if you have lived in tied accommodation for much of the time, this can feel daunting. The CofE Pensions Board provides support and information.

churchofengland.org/resources/clergy-resources/retirement-housing

State Benefits

For information about state benefits, for example Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment visit gov.uk/browse/benefits

Sources of grant funding

An extensive list of grant-making trusts and national charities that may be able to help is available at:

exeter.anglican.org/ministry/clergy-hr/sources-grant-funding



We welcome ideas for getting together with others in person or online so do get in touch. Similarly, if there are particular aspects of wellbeing which interest you please contact us.

You are welcome to join the CHH **Facebook Group**: visit facebook.com and search 'Clergy Household Hub'

The Information contained in this leaflet is correct as at September 2024. It is provided on a 'for information only' basis and CHH is not responsible for services provided by the agencies shown. If you know of any corrections needed or additional information that may be helpful to include please contact us.