

EBBSFLEET NEWS

Supporting Churches in Gospel Ministry



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Clay-jarred Glory!

For the next month we're all called to embody a paradox. Advent starts the Church's official year with a celebration of Jesus' second coming in glory as our king and judge. Yet we are gearing up all our energies to help our wider communities celebrate Jesus' first coming in incarnate humility, as a baby born in insignificant poverty, a homeless refugee - an embarrassing contrast to the over-indulgence and materialistic hedonism that our culture prefers in celebration of His birth.

We all feel the paradox. Last year's [Policy Institute research](#) from King's College reported that more people than ever say Christmas is mainly a family occasion rather than religious, yet in the last generation there has been a doubling in the number who will spend Christmas Day alone, with a ninefold increase among 21-34 year olds! While over 1/3 of people [report](#) that Jesus' birth is important to Christmas and we do see more of them at this time of year than any other, regular church members often feel exhausted by the extra energy and efforts that are required, and ministers could be forgiven for feeling depressed than many of those singing 'O Come all ye Faithful' are anything but!

But for Paul, ministry itself is that sort of paradox. God's purpose is to shine out the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ from jars of clay v.7, for the very purpose of showing that the gospel fruit is from Him not us. As we drive ourselves to have a 'successful' Christmas, slick and glitzy, Paul is more concerned that we communicate the awesome privilege of imperfect, fallen, failing people like us, being indwelt by the glorious, perfect, presence of Christ.

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Rt Rev Rob Munro
Bishop of Ebbsfleet

¹Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.¹⁰

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

¹¹For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

2 Corinthians 4:1-12 NIV

Paul was writing in the context of the 'super-apostles' who were looking down on his relatively unimpressive presentation of himself (*ch.10-11*), the equivalent of those who can look impressive online or by reputation, but whom never apparently have to struggle. Yet it is probably our personal experience that those who have most helped our own Christian walk have been those who have held on to Christ in the face of great challenges, who have been faithful under pressure *cf 4:8-9*.

That is also my personal experience, as I have toured around England with my now officially 'unsustainable' ministry. The most glorious of our churches are those that are holding on to truth under pressure, who are finding Christ enough in the face of their own weakness. I think the 'quiet revival' is teaching us that same – when our Lord draws to faith those who are utterly beyond our reach and influence, it is to humble us to stand in awe of His grace. It is the depth of Jesus engagement with a broken world that makes our gospel such a message of hope.

I wonder whether that gets heard amid the tinselled activism of Christmas, the pretended, sentimental perfectionism we sometime inadvertently peddle. My favourite carol at the moment, which had me in tears a couple of Christmas's ago, is Sovereign Grace's [O Come all you Unfaithful!](#) For a broken world our Lord chooses a fragile and often broken church – not in our fighting for power, but seeking the lost, helping the helpless, giving hope to the hopeless. The truth we contend for isn't needed because we need to defend the truth! *We who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body* – our broken world need the hope of one who inhabits the fragile, unimpressive jars of clay.

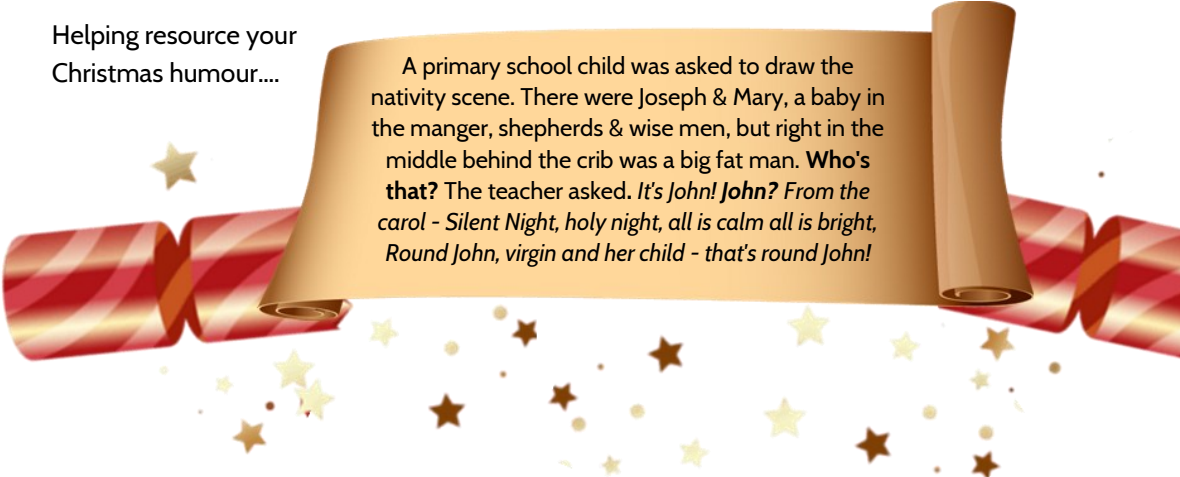
It's a paradox— infinite glory in fallen fragile failing vessels like us. But that is such good news to our world at the moment, it is time to rediscover its hope. So this Christmas, don't be afraid to let the light shine out of your weakness. That realism in us may well be the seed of saving hope for others. And it might just help us understand how best to remain faithful in the face of the fragility of our Church of England—a little less 'power', a little more prayer!

We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Yours in His service,



Helping resource your Christmas humour....



A primary school child was asked to draw the nativity scene. There were Joseph & Mary, a baby in the manger, shepherds & wise men, but right in the middle behind the crib was a big fat man. **Who's that?** The teacher asked. *It's John! John?* From the carol - *Silent Night, holy night, all is calm all is bright, Round John, virgin and her child - that's round John!*

Ebbsfleet Conferences 2026

(almost) **SAVE THE DATES**

These are important moments for Ebbsfleet resolution churches to engage with +Rob and build mutual support.

The dates for the Ebbsfleet Network Conferences in 2026:

12 May	for NW	Leyland: St Andrews
13 May	for MidW & sNE	Sheffield: Fulwood
1 June	for Cntrl	London #1
2 June	for SE	London #2
22 June	for E	Cambridge: Christ Church
7 Sept	for SW	Exeter: St Leonards
tbc	for NW & nNE	tbc

Feel free to attend a conference 'out of region' if it helps.

RED options are not quite confirmed at the time of going to press, we'll confirm in our first Newsletter of 2026



21st Century DISCIPLESHIP

Showing, Sharing and Serving Christ



England has changed radically in the last 30 years. Regular Sunday attendance has nearly halved—barely 1% attend C of E churches on a Sunday. Congregations have aged, there are 3000 less paid ministers, and is likely to drop another 1500 in the next 10 years. We have seen Fresh Expressions and Resource Churches given energy, leaving 'regular ministry' often discouraged. Add to that the crisis of PLF sapping energy and vision, and what growth is seen has been through the wider Anglican Communion or in a 'Quiet revival' that has grown outside of our usual church discipleship.

Yet the spiritual needs of our nation have never been greater—broken families are becoming the norm, mental health issues proliferate, leadership in society and the Church is often discredited. Often our Church discipleship strategies have not responded to the challenges of changing times. Are we using our reduced resources as fruitfully as we might? How do we do discipleship for C21?

Building on previous conference themes of accountability, common grace evangelism and revival, we will explore the challenges, changes and opportunities for our Churches—as well as serving our wider denomination by maintaining a faithful complementarian witness. We'll cover 'Distinctive Complementarian Discipleship', 'Enabling Broken People', 'Pulpit Plus' and more. It is intended for Ministers and Wardens, but also Church Leadership teams and Women's workers. So please save the date and share it with them!

Encouraging sustainability?

Since our last Newsletter, the Independent Reviewer's report into the ministry capacity of the Bishops of Beverley and Ebbsfleet has been published. [AVAILABLE HERE.](#)

Its conclusion included that: "... this ministry is, in its current form, unsustainable in the medium and long term. The number of parishes that had passed resolutions and were under the care of the Bishop was higher than for any of the PEVs, other parishes were seeking support and advice in increasing numbers, and the geographical spread covered most of England." It also included the recommendation: "Some deputisable support should be put in place for the Bishop of Ebbsfleet. There is no resilience in the current provision, and this presents a risk to the many parishes under his care. The PEVs (ie the Anglo-Catholic ones) are able to provide cover for one another in a way that is not possible within the current complementarian evangelical provision."

Analysis of the Statistics for Mission figures reflect the challenges:

The need for an expansion of episcopal provision for complementarian parishes is evident and the challenge will be for the wider church to have the courage to respond to this in practice.

	Ebbsfleet	London	Oxford	Chichester	Southwark	Bath & Wells
Bishops	1	7	4	3	4	2
Parishes	152	469	607	347	295	459
Usual Sunday Attendance - Total	24,016	37,100	29,200	21,500	21,400	13,600
Usual Sunday Attendance - per parish	158	79	48	62	73	30
Children - USA - Total	4,712	8,200	4,400	2,700	5,000	1,300
Children - USA - per parish	31	17	7	8	17	3
Area (sq miles)	50,630	280	2,210	1,450	320	1,610
No sq miles per bishop	50,630	40	553	483	80	805



Bishop's Council Member Role Description

Bishop's Council are responsible for giving appropriate ministry focused on regional feedback, considering Ebbsfleet Network policies and advising the Bishop in his ministry. The Council meets termly, once in person (*usually in London 10am-2pm*), twice on Zoom (*9am-12am*). Travel expenses are repayable. The role will be for three years, but may then be renewed.



- NorthEast** (Derby, Durham, Leeds, Lincoln, Newcastle, Nottingham, Sheffield, York)
- NorthWest** (Blackburn, Carlisle, Chester, Liverpool, Isle of Man, Manchester)
- MidWest** (Birmingham, Coventry, Hereford, Leicester, Lichfield, Peterborough, Worcester)
- East** (Chelmsford, Ely, Norwich, St Eddes & Ipswich)
- Central** (London, Oxford, St Albans)
- SouthEast** (Canterbury, Chichester, Exeter, Guilford, Rochester, Southwark)
- SouthWest** (Bath & Wells, Bristol, Exeter, Gloucester, Portsmouth, Salisbury, Truro, Winchester)

NETWORK ELECTIONS TO BISHOP'S COUNCIL



As trailed for consultation in the last newsletter, next week we will be sending invitations to all members of the Ebbsfleet Network, in each of our 7 regions, for you to suggest names to serve on the Ebbsfleet Bishop's Council. This has proved a vital group for giving accountability and wisdom to the bishop.

The current members are:

- **Rev Angus Macleay** (Rochester / SE)
- **Rev Mark Wallace** (Chelmsford / E)
- **Rev Charlie Skrine** (London / Central)
- **Jane Patterson** (Sheffield / NE)
- **Piyush Jani** (Ely / E)
- **Rev Lee Gatiss** (Church Society)
- **James Robson** (TEI)
- **Carrie Sandom** (Women's ministry)
- **Brian O'Donohoe** (ReNew)

NB currently we have no one from NW, MidW or SW on Council

In addition Ebbsfleet Advisors are also invited to Council meetings as participant observers and for feedback. Following the usual practice of the Church in making appointments such as area deans, we are adopting the following process:

1. Seeking possible suggestions / recommendations from each region.
2. Consulting the wisdom of the existing Council, to prayerfully seek to balance our membership of men and women, lay and ordained, and representing ministries or regions.
3. The bishop will approach people personally to ensure they are willing and happy to serve, with a view a first in-person meeting from 10am - 2pm on Weds 11 March 2026.

In a moment of panic, when asked **Can we have a room?** the innkeeper said: *You can have it for a pound!* Oops! Fortunately Joseph said, **I've not got any money, so give us a stable!** The innkeeper, asked later why he'd said: *have it for a pound*, replied: *All I could think of was the carol: Away in Manger no quid for a bed!*

The New Archbishop of Canterbury

Although Bishop Sarah has a long track record of both understanding and graciously providing for complementarian ministries, the announcement of her translation to ++Canterbury does present theological and practical challenges for a role specifically set up for those who do not receive the priestly and episcopal ministry of women. In case you missed it, I have explored those theological and practical challenges at greater length [HERE](#). The distinction there between the spiritual and legal authority will not satisfy those with a more anglo-catholic understanding of episcopal ministry, which sees legal jurisdiction as a necessary aspect, and other 'episcopal ministry' as only derived from a diocesan with jurisdiction; however I would commend our more evangelical understanding that notes the absence of 'jurisdiction' from episcopal ministry in Scripture, and observes that it is only the peculiarity of our denomination being established by English law that makes this distinction relevant. You may also find Martin Davie's blog on ["Why the Archbishop of Canterbury is not head of the Church of England \(or the Anglican Communion\)"](#) is helpful.

If you are wrestling with conscience on this issue, feel free to raise it personally or at one of our 'virtual coffee times'.



The GAFCON communique ["The Future Has Arrived"](#) has raised interesting questions for those of us, myself included, who support GAFCON. The proposal that the Anglican Communion should be reordered away from a default colonialism, to something better reflecting the diversity of the Anglican Communion, is not new. It was already commended by IASCUFO last year, and by ++Justin in Feb 2023.

GAFCON's statement that this requires the Anglican Communion to be defined by what it believes, rather than the quirk of its colonial history, is also something that is helpful. The Jerusalem Declaration of 2008 simply restates traditional Anglican teaching, all of which those ordained in the C of E have already assented to. So there is nothing in it that should make faithful Anglicans feel that they are no longer welcome in GAFCON.

There are areas that will now need exploring – such as the relationship of GAFCON to GSFA, who are very much in the same family, but had previously been distinguished by their slightly different foci, on Mission and Ecclesial matters accordingly (*this does feel like encroaching on the latter*).

While there are legitimate concerns about previous 'instruments of communion', not least because of how they are funded, there is clearly further work required to establish something that tangibly aids a communion that is not just nominal, but theological and missional.

Having witnessed on several occasions, the genuine concerns of our sisters and brothers in the wider Anglican Communion diminished and ignored, I hope and pray that necessary changes will be handled collaboratively, wisely, graciously and prayerfully, and lead us to a better Anglican Communion from which to fulfil our Great Commission to our world.

Understanding our History

The Commission for the Five Guiding principles has helpfully published a Timeline of how the Ministry of Women's Ordination has developed since the original 1992 legislation was enacted.

You can find it snappily titled here: ["The journey to the Bishops and Priests \(Consecration and Ordination of Women\) Measure 2014, the House of Bishops' Declaration and Five Guiding Principles"](#)



Gospel Partnership - Accountability Made Simple

(This is a simple summary of the model that was commended from last summer's roadshows from Bishop Rob and Mike Warren of Biblical Counselling UK. There are links to resources from that Conference [HERE](#))

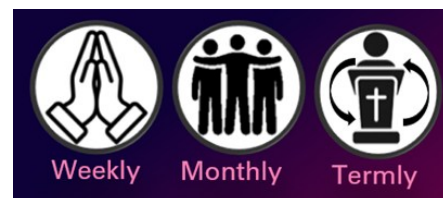
The greatest challenge for effective mission and ministry is the 'partnership' bit of gospel partnership – relationships between Christians and leaders in particular. If these break down, it totally undermines gospel ministry and faithful preaching. The conservative evangelical constituency has many examples of publicly 'successful' leaders hiding appalling sins, inappropriately manipulating people, or privately descending into depression or breakdown.

Yet Paul's vision for ministry is not a glorious successful isolation, but an interconnectedness that encourages our faith's consistency, resilience and evangelistic focus. Paul's call for us to *stand firm in the one Spirit*, conjures up the image of Roman shield wall – where by working together you would be protecting not only yourself, but those beside you as well, while they guarded you in turn. And while in the rest of Philippians, Paul illustrates this as a partnership in prayer (1:4,19), people (2:19-30); provision (4:10-19), it is rooted in a pastoral accountability – he has them in his heart (1:7).

Philippians 1:27 "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one Spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel."



How are we to cultivate relationships which put people always on our hearts for their growth in faith and ministry, to have around us partners in our shield?



We commended a simple practical model involving a commitment to 2 or 3 other leaders, ideally outside your immediate parish:

1. **PRAY WEEKLY** – In ministry's ups and downs, the pressures on us occur weekly. Knowing you have set aside 30 – 60 minutes every week on Zoom, means even in a crisis you have people who will support you prayerfully and bring you some perspective and counsel. Commit to the same time every week, so it is a diary fixture and priority. It is OK to not just 'say your prayers', but to share them with others in that time.
2. **MEET MONTHLY** – Real relationships and friendships take time to grow. So an in-person get-together, ideally socially, over a meal or out on a walk, once every month will enable you to begin to share your life, not just your problems, with others. It gives time to explore some of the deeper questions of our accountability, some of which are suggested in the [link resources](#). It is OK to have fun together too!
3. **SWAP TERMLY** – Real accountability in ministry means not just knowing a person, but their church too. Swapping pulpits, or serving in each other's parishes once a term is an invaluable way for a church to know who a minister is accountable to, but also to enjoy the diverse approaches in a shared and trusted ministry. It is a win-win – if your friend is a better preacher, you get credit inviting them; and if they're worse, you may be better appreciated. Yet a partnership with other leaders will help us in a personal crisis to have some 'go-to' people for help and support, and also help a church navigate internal issues by hearing outside wisdom.

Gospel partnership is a biblical model for good reason – not only are we strengthened by it – as Paul found, rarely pioneering churches alone or as Jesus found sharing key moments with the 'three'; but also we are nurtured by it – the fruit of personal prayers and encouragement by those standing with us in ministry.

Practically, just try starting it! Find two or three like-minded ministers – and you don't have to absolutely agree on everything, if you trust them. Don't worry if at first you are still just getting to know each other. It will not take you long to find that new friendships grow if you "**pray weekly - meet monthly - swap termly**". And if you really cannot find anyone suitable, contact the Ebbsfleet Team, because there are also some individuals happy to give mentoring support – spiritual direction for evangelicals – which may be a good bridge into this sort of accountability. It will be something Bishop Rob will begin to ask about at MDRs or in personal counsel – *Who are your accountability partners / your shield wall?* If you want any follow-up help or advice – just ask!

A school child was asked, **Who was the King that the wise men travelled to worship at Christmas?** Please Miss, is it Barney! **Barney?** Yes Miss, it's in the Christmas carol: 'Noel, noel, noel, noel, Barney's the king of Israel!'



Coffee with the Bishop

An online drop-in for anyone interested in ministry, mutual support & a place to ask questions.

[Use this zoom link](#)

Come when you can, stay as long as you wish, ask whatever you want!

Join us on (usually - but not always) the last Tuesday of the month, from 10am-noon

2026 dates

27 January 28 April
24 February 26 May
31 March 30 June
(...the last Tuesday of the month...)



Chat & Pray - the women do it better!

We have much enjoyed meeting a number of you at Chat and Pray this year, it is so good to connect, hear some news and pray for each other. We will not be meeting in December, but if you would like us to pray for something for you, please let us know, either by email or phone.

Next year we start again on **Monday 19 Jan 2-3pm**

Other dates for 2026:

25 February 10am	20 May 2pm
17 March 2pm	15 June 10am
20 April 10am	14 July 2pm

If you would find it helpful to meet one evening or on a Thursday, please feel free to let us know and we will gladly find a time that works.

Zoom details for next year's meetings will be sent out nearer the time, by email.

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FOR GRANDPARENTS



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Bishop's Diary

September

- 21 preach & presentation: St Peter's, Anlaby & St Mark's, Anlaby Common
Confirmations & Q+A: St Andrew's, Kirk Ella
- 22 ministry mtg / SDR Churches PCC
- 23-24 Gospel Coalition Founding Council
- 24 Times interview / ministry mtg
Confirmations at Arborfield
- 25 ministry zoom / Alliance mtg, London
- 28 ministry mtg / Grace Church, Greenwich 10-yr anniversary
Confirmations & Baptism, St Matthew's, Cambridge
- 29-30 ReNew conference

October

- 1 call with +London
- 2 College of Bps briefing / Church Society zoom
- 5 preach, Q+A St: Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (150-yr)
Confirmations, Holy Trinity, Wallington
- 6 CEEC zoom
- 6-8 House of Bps
- 8 Confirmations, St Peter's, Brackley
- 10 ministry call
- 10-12 Houghton & Kingmoor church weekend
- 12 St John's, Houghton
Confirmations, St John's, London Rd, Carlisle
Holy Trinity, Holme benefice prayer mtg
- 13 Ebbsfleet team mtg / SE Bps regional mtg / ministry zoom
- 14 Ebbsfleet virtual coffeetime
- 15 ministry zoom & ministry calls
Weymouth SSR & meet team
- 16 call +Dover / Standing Commission zoom
- 17-25 autumn break
- 27, 30 ministry calls

November

- 1 ministry call & mtg / public mtg, All Saints, Loose
- 2 preach, All Saints, Loose
Confirmations, St John's Felbridge
- 4 Ebbsfleet virtual coffeetime / ministry zooms
- 5 Ebbsfleet Bishop's Council & team mtg, zoom
- 7 GAFCON Bps forum zoom / ministry call & mtg
- 9 Confirmations & Baptisms, Grace Church, Highlands
Confirmations & Licensings, Moulton Parish Church
- 10 St Paul's, Banbury PCC zoom
- 11 ministry zoom
- 12 meet Arborfield team / MDRs / Arborfield prayer mtg
- 13 MDRs / ministry mtg & call
- 15 Men's breakfast
- 16 Confirmations, St Alkmund's, Duffield
Confirmations, St Botolph's, Barton Seagrave
- 17 call +London / ministry zoom / Makin Task & Finish group
- 18 ministry zooms & calls
- 19 day at Wycliffe college: presentation on parish ministry & mtgs
- 23 preach, South Bersted, Bognor Regis
Confirmations, Emmanuel, Wimbledon
- 24 Trauma training, London
- 25 ministry mtgs / Church Society Council
- 26 ministry zoom
- 27 CPAS Council of Reference

Anglican Acronyms and General Glossary Headaches (AAAGGH)



A series from Eleanor Hayden—Part 4 [N-Z]

NCI -National Church Institutions. The are seven NCIs are:

- The Archbishops' Council
- Lambeth Palace
- Bishopthorpe Palace
- The Church Commissioners
- The Church of England Pensions Board
- National Society for Promoting Religious Education
- The Church of England Central Services

NSM -Non-Stipendiary Ministry. See also SSM. Non-Stipendiary Ministries are often, but not exclusively more specific than a Parish Priest role.

NST -National Safeguarding Team. Manages complex safeguarding cases (involving a number of dioceses) and those relating to senior clergy including bishops and deans.

PCC -Parochial Church Council. The PCC is is the executive committee and charity trustees of a Church of England parish, responsible for the financial affairs, maintenance of assets, assisting the clergy in managing church affairs, as well as promoting the church's mission.

PLF -Prayers of Love and Faith The liturgy commended by the HoB for use in regular public worship services with effect from Sunday 17 December 2023.

PGS -Parish Giving Scheme is a service for managing One-Off and Direct Debit giving, designed to relieve the pressure on treasurers.

PTO -Permission to Officiate. Allows clergy who are not incumbents or licensed by the Bishop to exercise their ministry in a certain area.

SMMIB -Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board. Distributes the SMMI funding on behalf of the Archbishops' Council. The Board also tracks the effective delivery and impact of existing funded mission projects across the country.

SSM -Self-Supporting Minister. Ordained, licensed clergy who do not receive a stipend and freely give their time and efforts to serve their parishes or, in a wider capacity, in other places where there is a need. In England around 29% of licensed clergy are SSM.

SSM -Same Sex Marriage.

UPA -Urban Priority Area.

ViS -Vacancy in See. This is technical talk for when there is no Bishop (or Archbishop). There is always meant to be a ViS committee in each Diocese, elected by Diocesan Synod members (*although not necessarily on DS themselves*), ready to be called upon if, and only if there is a vacancy in see. They are notoriously hard to recruit for, given the unpredictability of the work (you will either never have to do anything, or a lot at an unknown time), but they're a highly strategic thing to be on when a vacancy opens up.

the fridge door!



Can you help some research?

The C of E Vision & Strategy unit has commissioned Theos to qualitatively study the 'Quiet Revival' phenomenon. They need ~50 young adults, 18-30 yrs, who have started regularly attending church at least 3 times a month since summer 2022. They will do online or in person interviews for 30-60 minutes, all anonymised. If you know people who might be able to help, send them the QR code, or link to <https://forms.office.com/e/fkb3FmGSjk>



Open Days at Oak Hill

- Exploring options?
- Seeking training?
- Curious church leader?

We'd love you to join one of our 2026 open days to share our vision for training, introduce you to students & give you a taste of life at Oak Hill:

- In person on **Sat 21 Feb** and **Sat 25 Apr** (including specific sessions for those considering Anglican ministry)
- Online open half-hour, **Tue 20 Jan**, 7.30pm
- Specific information hour about our MA in Contemporary Christian Leadership, **Tue 3 Feb** at 1pm

You can sign up for them all [HERE](#).



OAK HILL COLLEGE

- OAK Hill really needs our prayer and support at the moment!
- Encourage some new ordinands, or use their new part-time course options!

Just a Reminder...

If you would like to invite a visiting minister to your parish, the responsibility lies with the Incumbent (or church warden if in vacancy), to:

1. Ensure that the visiting minister has authority to officiate. This is done by checking that their name appears on the [National Register of Clergy](#).
2. Be satisfied that the visiting minister is of good life and standing. This will ordinarily be through personal knowledge of the person in question, but you may also wish to ask them (or others) for evidence - eg. up-to-date safeguarding training, etc.

Remember they may minister not more than for 7 days in any 3 months ('occasional')



Fellowship of Word and Spirit Conference



The God who doesn't give up

2nd - 4th February 2026
Highgate House, Northampton

Rev Dr James Hughes
Rev Dr Jason Ward
Rev Dave Walker
Rev Ned Seago



[click here to book it!](#)



Vacancies Nov 2025

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- Hartford CofE High School ▪ [School Chaplain](#)
- St John's, Tunbridge Wells ▪ [Associate Vicar](#)
- St Nicholas, Sevenoaks ▪ [Associate Rector](#)
- St John's, Wimborne ▪ [Vicar](#)
- St Mary's Balderstone ▪ [Associate Minister](#)
- St Peter in Eastgate & Carlton ▪ [Associate Vicar](#)
- St Andrew the Great, Cambridge ▪ [Senior Administrator](#)
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