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WELCOME TO THE SECOND EDITION OF GRAPEVINE. We hope you will enjoy reading it and find the contents useful and informative. In particular we draw your attention to the interview with Bishop Tim on page 3. We think his views on lay training inspiring and encouraging. What do you think? We would like to receive your comments and response to what he has said, and indeed to anything else appearing in the Newsletter. Please let us know what you think or write to us about issues you would like to see discussed in future editions of the Newsletter. Send us a letter or drop us an e-mail, you will find our contact details on page 4. It would be good to hear from you.

Meanwhile, during recent months it has been a real pleasure to meet with so many of you around the Diocese. We have enjoyed working with you, either at meetings of your teams, in training sessions and courses or at the Local Ministry Day, and look forward to our future encounters with you. We believe the Diocese is very lucky that you give your time and talents to the vital work of pastoral care and worship leading in so many parishes.

With best wishes,

Richelle Andrewartha and Marilyn Liddicoat

LAY TRAINING NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE



Bishop Roy with newly commissioned Local Worship Leaders at Egloshayle Church

Since we last reported on the local ministry activities around Cornwall there has been a good deal going on, despite a slight slow down for the Christmas holidays and the darkest winter months.

In the East of the Diocese foundation courses have been run in Wadebridge and Stratton, with courses in Calstock and St Minver starting shortly. Refresher sessions have been taking place in Saltash. Meanwhile in the West of the Diocese foundation courses have taken place in Devoran, St Mary's, Illogan, Paul, and Perranarworthal, with refresher sessions at Mullion and Kenwyn. There has also been additional training in St Paul's & St Clement, Truro, Mullion, Paul, and Breage with Godolphin & Germoe.

New teams of Local Worship Leaders have been commissioned at St Mabyn, Wadebridge and Egloshayle, and teams of Local Pastoral Ministers have been commissioned at Lanivet and St Mary's, Illogan.

First Steps in Local Pastoral Ministry

After Easter there will be an opportunity for an inter-parish foundation course in local pastoral ministry at a central venue in the Deanery of Carnmouth South.

If you have identified new candidates for this training but feel the numbers are not sufficient to justify running a course in your parish, please do get in touch with Richelle.



Cake made to celebrate the commissioning of members of the new Local Pastoral Ministry team in Lanivet parish

Pastoral Care and the Credit Crunch

There is little doubt that the fall-out of the recession and down turn in the economy is having an enormous impact on many families and individuals throughout Cornwall. It is an issue which Pastoral Ministry teams around the Diocese may find themselves increasingly concerned with and several teams are already looking at ways in which they can help people in their communities deal with the many problems which arise.

If your parish's pastoral care team is considering this and would like some support and help in exploring and developing the work it could do in this area, or has plans and ideas that would be useful to share with other teams, please contact Marilyn Liddicoat.

UPDATE ON THE YEAR OF THE CHILD



The Year of the Child Booklet and free download starter pack of information is available from the Children and Youth pages of the new Diocesan website www.trurodiocese.org.uk. The booklet has sections on Worship and Caring for Families which should prove very useful for Worship Leaders' teams and Pastoral Ministry teams.

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

Understanding Dementia and Confusion: Additional Development Module

- Q1 *How well do you understand what we mean by dementia?*
Q2 *How aware are you of the range of symptoms linked with dementia?*
Q3 *If you were asked to visit someone suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, how confident would you be?*
Q4 *If you were asked to visit someone who was caring for a person suffering a form of dementia, how confident would you be?*

The aim of this 2-hour module is to raise awareness of some of the issues involved in working pastorally with people who suffer from Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia, and to understand some of the needs of those who care for them. Its informal delivery allows participants to consider and identify challenges and difficulties that face both the sufferer and carer. Topics covered include:

Definitions of Dementia and Confusion **Caring for people suffering with dementia** **Caring for Carers** **When it gets too much (safeguarding)**

By the end of this informal session, participants should have:-

- A basic understanding of the causes of the range of symptoms categorised as dementia.
- A basic awareness of the likely behaviour and care needs of those suffering different forms of dementia.
- A basic understanding of the needs of the carers of those suffering different forms of dementia.
- Begun to ask how the wider community can support those who are suffering from different forms of dementia, and their carers.

The training is supported by a selection of supporting hand-outs which cover the following:-

Worried about your memory?
Putting care right – your guide to choosing a care home.
Food for thought.
Memory handbook.
Talking to children about your illness.
Understanding vascular dementia.
Younger people with dementia.
Drugs for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Understanding & managing the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.
Coping with memory loss.
Living with dementia.
Cornwall : Care Services Directory 2008/09.

If you would like more information or would like members of your church to participate in a course, please contact Richelle Andrewartha or Marilyn Liddicoat.

INTERVIEW WITH BISHOP TIM

The Reverend Derek Carrivick spoke to Bishop Tim for Grapevine

(Derek Carrivick) There are now some 600+ Worship Leaders and Local Pastoral Ministers across the diocese. That must cover more than half the parishes. It has become an important part of life in the diocese.

(Bishop Tim) Yes, and I am pleased that so much has been achieved over the recent years following Bishop Bill's "People of God" initiative. I hope to build on the good work done. I think it important that these new local lay ministries work closely alongside the Parish Clergy and the Readers. It is so important that they serve the parish as a team.

How do you see that working in practice?

There needs to be a definite process for meeting regularly and not just for working out rotas, but also and perhaps primarily for mutual support and, of course, for prayer.

What style of training do think is appropriate?

It is more than training. In a general way I believe we should think in terms of education, training and formation. By that I mean there are clearly things to learn say about leading worship, and there are skills and methods to acquire but also, remembering that these ministries are a calling, it follows then that any preparation for them should include a formational element. For me that means developing a discipline of study and prayer suitable for individual use and sharing with others. And that sharing is crucial for this is as much a learning experience for the clergy and the Readers as it is for the Worship Leaders and the Local Pastoral Ministers.

Thus far not so bad then, but where do you think we go from here?

I am keen to develop the support of the laity generally. That is normally entitled "Education for Discipleship" (EfD) . Developing ministries within the church is important – whether that be our new lay ministries, readers, churchwardens, treasurers – but most lay people's lives are (we might say) "outside" the church. That is where Education for Discipleship comes in which seeks to support the discipleship of the laity at work, in the home, or in our leisure pursuits. So if, say, one of our church members is a plumber the church's task would be to affirm the discipleship of that person as a plumber. After all we all share in baptism as Christians and we all have a journey to follow under God's Love. Over the past 20 or 30 years I have observed a growing awareness of the importance of the laity. We are coming into a crucial time in the life of the church as we begin to learn what it means to work together. Our education/training/formation for clergy and laity needs to reflect that and be "joined up" – a building-block approach so that our courses right across the board complement one another.

Any final word?

Only thanks to you Worship Leaders and Local Pastoral Ministers for all the work you do; and thanks to those who have helped to develop and support these new local lay ministries.

Bishop Tim at work in his study at Lis Escop



Training Opportunities for Local Worship Leaders and Local Pastoral Ministers

A good number of you have already taken up the new opportunity to participate in a variety of training courses organised for members of the Clergy and Readers in the Diocese. So far LWLs and LPMs have attended these courses: Challenge of Debt, Using PowerPoint, Arts and Spirituality, and Don't tell cute stories, change lives.

It would be good to hear from any of you who have been on one of these training courses. Perhaps you would like to write about your experience and how you think it will help you as a Worship Leader or Pastoral Minister?

A copy of the booklet **Training Opportunities** was enclosed with the last issue of Grapevine. The booklet and booking forms, are also available by e-mail and on the new Diocesan website (see below)

Further courses open to LPMs and LWLs include the following: Nurturing Christian Hopefulness, Talking about Money, Beyond the Words of Worship, Facing the Future, Initiatives in Corporate Pastoral Care, Personality & Spirituality, Ministering on the Edge, and Mission Basics.

New Diocesan Website

The Diocesan new website has now been launched. Go to www.trurodiocese.org.uk. The Training and Development Department has its own pages and Grapevine is now available on-line.

Web and Internet News:

We are compiling a list of web and internet addresses which provide useful resources for Local Worship Leaders and Local Pastoral Ministers. It would be really helpful to hear from you with information about your favourite sites and addresses and how you use them in your church and parish.

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DIARY NOTE

LOCAL MINISTRY DAY 2009

Don't forget that this year's Local Ministry Day will take place on **SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER** in Truro Cathedral. Watch this space for further information.

BOOK REVIEW

Thank God You've Come: A Guide for Those Seeking to offer more Effective Pastoral Care

by Graham Long

This easy-to-read book offers practical advice for those who have recently taken up a role in pastoral care as well as those who have served for a number of years.

Its key elements focus on caring properly for ourselves and caring pastorally for others. This book tackles problematic areas of pastoral ministry and looks at practical ways of overcoming these obstacles.

The author writes:-

"A careful regard for our own needs is but prudent if we seek the wholehearted care of others".

"The whole-hearted care of others is more than a practice or a programme. It flows as they are held in proper regard, and is best conducted with the expectation of mutual enrichment as the initial, often hesitant, relationship is made glorious as giver and receiver in their turn become receiver and giver."

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Graham Long

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Available from Amazon.co.uk

Karen Wharton, the Training Department's secretary has decided to move on to pastures new. We wish her well in her new venture. Meanwhile, her replacement will be Shirley Tyack who currently works in the Property Department at Diocesan House and we welcome her to her new post.