



Diocese of Bristol

## CMD Programme January to March, 2023

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### **Dust and Glory**

**Bishop's Lent Study Day for Clergy**

**St Pauls Church, Malmesbury Rd,  
Chippenham SN15 1PS**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Led by David Runcorn**

The call of Lent is to 'remember you are dust'. But remember what exactly? It is most familiar as a call to penitence. And so it is. But it also an invitation to dream. For from the beginning God does his most creating work with dust. He still does. We are dust with a destiny.

So our study day will be a time to explore together the dust of our beginnings in the hands and imagination of God. We will be focussing on the first chapters of Genesis and the creation poem at the end of Job.

### **Rev David Runcorn**

Having held a wide range of roles within the church (including vicar in West London, chaplain at Lee Abbey Community, lecturer and tutor at Trinity College Bristol, Director of Ministry Development in the Diocese of Lichfield, Associate Director Ordinands and Warden of Readers) David Runcorn is now a free-range priest, retired and living in Devon. He writes on areas of faith, spirituality, sexuality, prayer and human development.

Open to all clergy

Please email [claire.eade@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:claire.eade@bristoldiocese.org) to reserve your space

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# Prayer Spaces in Schools

**Monday 23 January 2023**

**1.30-4.00pm**

**St Mary Magdalene Church (opposite  
a Post Office/Garage)  
The Street  
Hullavington  
Wilts  
SN14 6DU**



Prayer Spaces in Schools is an inclusive, creative approach to spiritual development

Prayer spaces in schools enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore faith, prayer and life's questions in a safe, creative and interactive way. They work best when developed in partnership between local church and school. Children engage in a series of multisensory prayer or reflection activities from which they can make their own meaning.

Prayer spaces are a spiritual development experience and can support learning in a range of curricular and extra-curricular areas. They provide a quiet, reflective space where children can consider how they relate to themselves, to others, to the world and to the Divine. There will be a focus on outdoor prayer spaces which also support children to connect with nature.

Open to all


Please click on the link to register -

[Prayer Spaces in Schools Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

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## SIAMS – What to Expect from the NEW 2023 Framework

**Tuesday 24 January 2023**

**9.30am-12.30pm**

**Hillside House**

**or**

**Tuesday 24 January 2023**

**4.30-7.30pm**

**online**

The training will help delegates:

- understand the SIAMS schedule and any recent new expectations (including Collective Worship and Post Covid evidence)
- Understand the new organisation structure for SIAMS (Nationalisation of organisation)
- Understand the Church of England Vision for Education and how this relates to your school vision.
- Understand how to develop an Action Plan for your school to respond to the SIAMS schedule .

Open to all

Click on the appropriate link below to register:

[SIAMS - What to Expect \(FACE TO FACE\) Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

[SIAMS - What to Expect \(ONLINE\) Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

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THE RECONCILED CHURCH

# MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

THE RECONCILED CHURCH | DAY FOR BRISTOL CHURCH LEADERS



**WEDNESDAY 25TH  
JANUARY 2023**  
10:00AM - 16:00PM

**SAVE THE DATE**

Theology & Ministry -  
Lunch and refreshments included -  
Introducing the:  
Reconciled Leaders Retreat -  
Reconciled Church Course -

 **LOCATION**  
ST AGNES CHURCH, THOMAS STREET,  
ST PAUL'S, BRISTOL BS2 9LL  
*Paid for Car Parking available on nearby streets*

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL  
**TRCHURCHUK@GMAIL.COM**



The aim of the day is to introduce leaders to our work on reconciliation in churches, and explore resources from the Reconciled Church Group (<https://www.trchurch.co.uk/>)

It will cover:

- Introduction to TRC Group and why now - Owen Hylton
- TRC Course - Rosie Hopley
- Retreat Update - Chris Nicholson, Church Pastor, City Hope Bermondsey and TRC Retreat Coordinator
- Theology of Reconciliation - Owen Hylton
- Praying for reconciled churches and communities - Angela Kemm Church Leader, City Church Cambridge and TRC Lead, and Joseph Bediako Church Pastor, Forestdale Community Church, Croydon and TRC Regional Events Coordinator

Open to all church leaders.

Please book by emailing [trchurchuk@gmail.com](mailto:trchurchuk@gmail.com). There is a suggested donation of £15 per person.

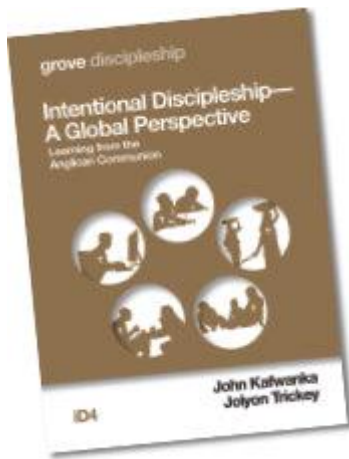
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## Intentional Discipleship – A Global Perspective

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**  
**7.30-9pm**

**Zoom**

**Led by John Kafwanka**

Wherever the Christian faith is found around the world, discipleship is a challenge. John Kafwanka worked for the Anglican Communion for 14 years, latterly as Director of Mission and is not a parish priest in London. He joins us to look at how the waves of intentional discipleship have flowed around the Anglican Communion and how we might learn from this for our practice in the Diocese of Bristol.

Open to all.

Register to attend [via Eventbrite](#)

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## The Society of the Sacred Cross Tymawr Convent

### Centenary Year of Women of Prayer

On St. Telio's Day 1923, a small group of women came from Chichester, Surrey, to Tymawr, near Monmouth, to begin a life of contemplative prayer dedicated to God and living off the land. The present day community of contemplative sisters invite you to join them in this programme of Quiet Days honouring Women of Prayer.

There will be 7 Quiet Days in 2023, starting on Saturday **11 February 2023** entitled **Contemplative Prayer and Mission** led by **Dr Jane Williams** who is McDonald Professor in Christian Theology at St Mellitus College. She is the author of a number of books, including *Lectionary Reflections*; *Why Did Jesus have to Die?*; and *The Art of Christmas*. Introducing the Quiet Day, Jane writes: "Whether we notice it or not, our practice of prayer is deeply connected to the character and purposes of God. Far from being a private, life-style choice, to be a pray-er is to be drawn into the action of God for the world."

Each **Quiet Day** begins at 9.30am with the Office of Morning Prayer, followed by our speaker for the day and time for rest and prayer before the midday Eucharist. After a 'bring your own' lunch, our speaker will lead the afternoon session, which will end with Vespers at 4.30pm. Please book your place for each Quiet Day by email to [SSCchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:SSCchaplain@gmail.com)

or by post to The Chaplain, Tymawr Convent, Lydart. Monmouth NP25 4RN.

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# Supporting Children & Young People with Bereavement and Loss

Thursday 23 February 2023  
4.00-5.30pm  
Hillside House



## The training will look at:

- factors affecting grief
- Children's understanding of death related to stages of development
- Supporting bereaved children in school
- Children's perspectives on their experience of a bereavement

Please click on the link to register:

[TWILIGHT - Supporting Children and Young People with Bereavement & Loss Tickets, Thu 23 Feb 2023 at 16:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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**Modern Church**  
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## **How to read the Bible without switching off your brain**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023,  
11.00 a.m. – 4.00 pm (Coffee from  
10.30 am)**

**Manvers St Baptist Church, Bath (in  
the Pulteney Room)**

**Led by Rev Dr Simon Taylor**

Following a time as Priest In Charge of St Mary Redcliffe in Bristol, Simon moved to Derby as Canon Chancellor. He returned to Bristol in 2019 as Director of Ministry Development. Amongst his publications is a book with the same title as this address.


To book: please email – [dj455475@hotmail.com](mailto:dj455475@hotmail.com) and your booking will be acknowledged. Please include a phone/mobile number for contact purposes. We are able to provide this conference at a cost of £5 per person, payable on the day.

**Modern Church encourages open, respectful debate on Christian  
faith: [modernchurch.org.uk](http://modernchurch.org.uk)**

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## Collective Worship in CofE Schools

Monday 6 March 2023  
2.00-3.30pm  
Online

A time to reflect and focus on Collective Worship

- Space to consider your school's priorities and key purposes for Collective Worship
- Some ideas as to how Collective Worship can ensure your school's vision, values and sense of community
- Examples of great strategies for planning and assessing the impact of worship on the life of your school

Click on the link below to register


[Collective Worship in a CofE School Tickets, Mon 6 Mar 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Open to all

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## The Church as an Evangelising Community

Tuesday, 18 April 2023

11:00 – 12:30

Online

Join CTE for a webinar which considers how the church might be an evangelising community with speakers from Estonia, New Zealand, USA and UK.

CTE's Group for Evangelisation presents a webinar on the theme of 'The Church as an Evangelising Community.' Chaired by Trey Hall the director of evangelism and growth at the Methodist Church in the UK we bring an range of speakers to share on the theme of the church as evangelising community.

Dr Alison Kolosova lives in Russia and is an Orthodox Christian working at the University of Tartu in Estonia.

Revd Mawethu Ncaca is a South African Episcopalian Priest ministering in North Carolina.

Revd Dr Jeff Conklin-Miller is Vice Principal for Mission, Learning Lead and Tutor in Evangelism and Missiology at Cliff College.

Dr Jay Mātenga is Director of the Global Witness Department for the World Evangelical Alliance.

Each speaker will share on the topic for 10 mins with opportunity for participants to ask questions via group chat on Zoom


Open to all

Register and purchase a ticket [via Eventbrite](#)

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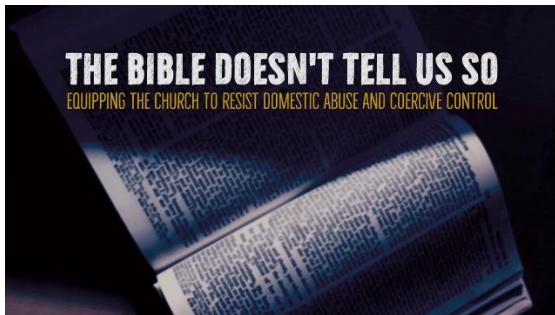
'Everyday Faith workshops and celebration'

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2.30-5pm Swindon (Christ Church)
- May 21<sup>st</sup> 2.30-5pm Bristol (Redland Parish Church)

## OTHER TRAINING AVAILABLE



The Church of England runs a series of webinars to resource your church and church leaders: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/church-england-webinars>



The Centre for the Study of the Bible and Violence (based in Bristol Baptist College) has a series of "Small Group Study Videos" about domestic violence and coercive control: <https://www.csbvbristol.org.uk/study-videos/>

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# ADVANCE NOTICE



## Black Light

**Thursday evenings from 4 May to 29 June, 7-9pm (8 Sessions with a mid-course break)**

## Online

**Trainers include: Les Isaac, Ron Nathan, Bev Thomas, Robert Beckford, Clare Williams, Israel Olofinjana, Gale Richards, Stuart Murray Williams, Dan Yarnell and Harvey Kwiyan**

Run as a collaboration between Urban Expression and the Ascension Trust, the Black Light course was developed 24 years ago by Les Isaac and Stuart Murray Williams, who became friends when Stuart was teaching at Spurgeon's College and Les did some teaching there – so it's not a knee-jerk response to current issues, but it does engage with contemporary concerns about racism and injustice.

The hosts and presenters are followers of Jesus, church leaders and leaders of mission agencies, black and white, from different backgrounds and with different areas of expertise.

## Black Light

- EXPLORES the presence of black people in the Bible, church history and Britain today
- EXAMINES the legacies of Christendom and colonialism
- FACES the ongoing challenge of racial justice in church and society
- REVIEWS the impact of African Christians in Europe and explores partnership possibilities

More information is available from <https://www.blacklightcourse.uk/>

Normally £80 per person, we have block booked 10 places on the course running in May and June.

Open to all.

If you would like to take up one of these places, please let Claire Eade ([claire.eade@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:claire.eade@bristoldiocese.org)) know.

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## Mental Health First Aid

Led by Alice Kemp and  
Helen Styles

See dates and times below

Cost: £30 (to cover the manual and other materials).

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches people how to identify, understand and help someone who may be experiencing a mental health issue.

MHFA won't teach you to be a therapist, but it will teach you to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis – and even potentially stop a crisis from happening. On completing the course, you will receive a nationally recognised qualification as a Mental Health First Aider.

On the course you will:

- Learn how to recognise warning signs of mental ill health, and develop the skills and confidence to approach and support someone while keeping yourself safe.
- Learn how to empower someone to access the support they might need for recovery or successful management of symptoms. This could include self-help books or websites, accessing therapy services through their GP, their school or place of work, online self-referral, support groups, and more.
- Gain an understanding of how to support positive wellbeing and tackle stigma.

You will need to pay for your own course manual which costs £30. Your parish may cover this for you. The diocese will provide the course to you free of charge (the usual cost is £300). If this cost is preventing you attending, please be in touch.

### ONLINE

21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2.00pm – 5.15pm

### IN PERSON

18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 9am – 5pm St Nicholas Church, St Nicholas St, Bristol, BS1 1UE.

**Applicants need to be able to attend all sessions of the course.**

**There is also individual learning between the sessions.**

Open to all.

This course is aimed at church leaders, lay and ordained, and in particular those engaged in pastoral care and those overseeing that care.

If you would like to attend one of these courses, to register interest for future courses, or for more information, please contact: [Mentalhealthfirstaid@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:Mentalhealthfirstaid@bristoldiocese.org)

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## Zoom Reading Group

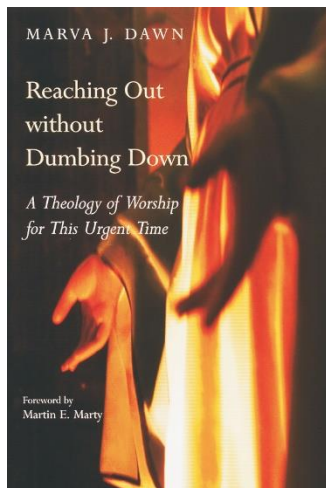
Roughly every other month, a group of clergy and LLMs read a book together and gather to discuss it on Zoom. Come to them all, or simply to those that particularly interest you. Reading the book is helpful, but you don't need to have finished it to attend the group.

- "To be able to keep sharp and accountable to others in a reading group is certainly just what I need" – Clergy person
- "I really enjoy the reading group" - LLM

Books can often be bought from the publishers, or from any bookshop. Three online booksellers worth checking are:

- Aslan Books <https://www.aslanchristianbooks.com/>
- Bookshop <https://uk.bookshop.org/>
- Eden <https://www.eden.co.uk/>

### Books for Early 2023



**26<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**  
**12 noon - 1.30pm**

**Marva J. Dawn, *Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down: A Theology of Worship for this Urgent Time* (Eerdmans, 1995).**

Why do churches fight "Worship Wars?" Why do discussions about how to conduct worship often split into two vitriolic polarities over "traditional" versus "contemporary" styles or into two opposing camps? These "worship wars" prevent us from being the Church. In *Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down*, Marva Dawn writes to help local parishes and denominations think more thoroughly about worship and culture so that they can function effectively in contemporary society.

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15<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
12 noon - 1.30pm

Relational Church UK, *Building a Relational Culture: Finding Fellowship in the Church of England* (Relational Church, 2022).

Download a copy from  
<https://relationalchurch.uk/> (or ask  
Ministry Development for a pdf).

Fellowship can be a problematic word. For some people it implies little more than social activities, light refreshments or some form of club. In this conversation, we are talking about something much deeper - linked to community, connection and belonging. It is usually used to translate the Greek word *koinonia* in the New Testament which has implications of common identity or participation. In this project, we have found it helpful to talk about "relationality" - the manifold ways in which we are connected. Whether we talk about fellowship, *koinonia*, community or relationality, the key issue is the same. We live in a world of broken relationships but are called to unity in Christ.

Register to attend [via Eventbrite](#)

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## Praying for Uganda

You would be very welcome to join a fortnightly prayer meeting for the Uganda Link. This includes friends from the Church of Uganda

Meetings will be at 5.30 pm on alternative Thursdays starting on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023.  
(12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April)

No need to book. Simply use this Zoom link (which will be the same each time):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2179060100>

Meeting ID: 217 906 0100

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