

Department of Development Mission & Ministry Newsletter

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Dear friends and colleagues

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well. Please note that during these challenging times we are still working, therefore, do get in contact should you have any anxieties or concerns; we will do our very best to help and answer any queries. The Mission and Ministry team can be contacted via their usual email addresses or via ministry@elydiocese.org

We have been so impressed with how well so many of our churches, authorized, lay and ordained ministers, and congregations have responded to the recent turn of events, and want to assure every single one of you that you are all very much in our prayers as a department at this time.

We want to continue to support and resource you in the coming weeks, so please find below some useful links to our website, resources and information regarding on-line events:

Our 'Being Church during Covid-19' page is packed with resources and advice, do check it out. <https://www.elydiocese.org/parishsupport/beingchurchduringcovid19-resourcesandadvice/> and in addition to these....

Bishop Dagmar's Message for Palm Sunday

Bishop Dagmar is producing a series of Sunday reflections for this present season. You can find her Message for Palm Sunday here;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5e6kwkRLQ>

Children's workers and family resources for Holy Week at home.

This week Debbie Hill, Development Officer for Children and Families, shared resources for Holy Week and Easter that can be easily adapted for use at home. The website link below contains a mega list of resources being added to daily. As well as covering advice mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter it also includes material on Safer Working Online, Faith At Home Resources for Workers, Faith At Home Resources for Parents and Families, Support for Mental Health, Staying Safe Online and Bereavement, Fun Ideas to Keep Occupied, Education, as well as **resources for Holy Week and Easter to be used at home!!**

<https://www.elydiocese.org/church-roles/childrens-workers/childrens-workers-support-during-coronavirus/>

If people would like to keep in touch with resources and online training for children and their families, they can sign up for mailings here: <https://www.elydiocese.org/church-roles/childrens-workers/>

Holy Week and Easter at home

Resources for Holy Week and Easter that can be easily adapted for use at home:

<https://www.elydiocese.org/about/news-jobs-and-events/news/holy-week-and-easter-at-home.php>

Youth Worker resources

Natasha has also been at work collating resources for Youth workers and these can be found here;

Youth workers:

<https://www.elydiocese.org/church-roles/youth-workers/>

Youth resources during Coronavirus:

<https://www.elydiocese.org/church-roles/youth-workers/youthresourcesduringcoronavirus/>

Other Resources for worship at home from Ely Cathedral

You can find [Worship from Home resources produced by the Cathedral here](#).

Resources for Bereavement

The Church of England has produced resources for dealing with bereavement during this time. These can be accessed here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/new-reflection-issued-people-who-cannot-attend-funeral>

And the service that can be shared with those who are unable to attend a funeral, is available here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/20079>

Bereavement resources for children and young people

Debbie has also put together a list of resources that can be used with children and young people in the event of bereavement.

<https://www.elydiocese.org/church-roles/childrens-workers/childrens-workers-support-during-coronavirus/>

Resources for Online and Digital Media

We've been doing some thinking around Digital media this last week or two and have put together a number of resources. The Church of England digital team has worked with colleagues to produce some excellent digital resources supporting those suffering with mental health issues. You can access them on our website here:

<https://www.elydiocese.org/about/news-jobs-and-events/news/new-digital-mental-health-resources-6874.php>

Debbie and Natasha have put together a set of resources for using online media well and bearing safeguarding in mind, and they can be accessed here on our website here:

<https://www.elydiocese.org/church-roles/childrens-workers/childrens-workers-support-during-coronavirus/>

And Phil accessed a C of E digital Labs webinar – and has shared his learning and tips he picked up, including, facebook pages, live streaming, zoom and other media related issues, along with some other useful resource here:

<https://faithfulfollow.wordpress.com/things-i-learnt-from-a-c-of-e-digital-labs-webinar/>

New opportunities to connect

New face-book groups for Pioneers, youth workers, LLM's, ALM's have been set up as well as a page for the Mission and Ministry Department. These can be accessed using the links below. (For those not on face book we will explore other ways of sharing resource with you via the website.)

Mission and Ministry Development Teams Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/ElyMissionAndMinistry>

(under development – Visit and 'Like' to receive updates)

Authorized Lay Ministry Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/elyalms/>

Pastoral ALM Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Pastoralalms/>

Ely Diocese Pioneers Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/294628581515756/>

Licensed Lay Ministry Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1487651904784513/>

Youth Workers Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1597922456998412/>

Spring Harvest at Home

Spring Harvest Home: A free online programme full of worship and teaching!

Our Spring Harvest annual events aims to deliver excellent Bible teaching as well as enable people of all ages to seek God's presence through Spirit-led worship. Consequently, with the cancellation of these events across different UK locations, we believe there has never been a more appropriate time to bring Spring Harvest to people's homes and deliver an online interactive programme accessible for everyone looking for fun and faith-filled content during this time.

This free, online conference is called Spring Harvest Home and is accessible for everyone who has access to YouTube from April 13th-17th.

We have just launched a video on our Spring Harvest channel in order to explain what the event is about. The link to this video can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SpringHarvest>

Since Spring Harvest Home isn't set to begin until Easter Monday, we are encouraging people to subscribe to the Spring Harvest YouTube channel and also any of our social media platforms as we send out more information as the week get closer.

Links to our social media channels for your network to subscribe to are included below:

<https://www.facebook.com/springharvest/>

<https://twitter.com/springharvest>

<https://www.instagram.com/springharvest/>

Diary Dates

Whilst we have had to cancel or postpone upcoming events; here are a few dates for your diaries which may, of course, be subject to change.

- 3rd May Vocations Sunday – Please take a look at our developing resources on our webpages under vocations: <https://www.elydiocese.org/growing-in-faith/vocations/>
- 23rd September 2020 Growing Faith - the intersection between home and church Part 1 with Rachel Turner (most suited to parents and volunteers working in children's work in the church) 7.30 – 9.30pm at Cambourne Church CB23 6AF, booking online via website
- 24th September 2020 Growing Faith - the intersection between home and church Part 2 with Rachel Turner (most suited to clergy and children and families' workers working with their church in a paid or voluntary capacity) 10 – 4pm at Cambourne Church CB23 6AF, booking online via website
- 28th September 2020 Growing in Contemplative Ministry Day with Revd Ian Cowley BWH Retreat & Conference Centre, Ely – 10am – 4pm, booking online via website
- 1st October 2020 A Bishop's Study Day – *Wellbeing of Ministers*
Speaker Revd Dr Margaret Whipp - 10am – 3.15pm at Over Community Centre
To Book contact: ministry@elydiocese.org

All the information as it becomes available will be detailed on our website.
Please use the following link for details of courses and to book on-line:

https://elydatabase.org/events/mission_ministry

We pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ