

December 2023

Training & Resources Bulletin



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Enabling our next steps in faith

Discovering Growing Discerning Training Continuing

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Dear Colleagues,

Many Christmas's ago, whilst patiently waiting in a BHS queue of shoppers, the lady in front of me turned to voice displeasure at the time it was taking to reach the till, ending with the words, 'I hate Christmas!' I pulled away the scarf covering my dog-collar and replied, 'I do too!' 'But, ... you're a Vicar', she mouthed in astonishment. Given she was a captive audience, I took the opportunity to explain that my 'Bah humbug' approach was limited to the commercial trappings and extreme expectations of the season, but that the message of God being born into the messiness of human life was one I cherished beyond measure. I suspect she never again grumbled in a festive queue for fear of being in receipt of 'a message from the Christmas sponsor.'

How Christians approach, celebrate, and share the festive season is important, and we need now more than ever to tell out the Good News at every opportunity. It's not always easy, and whilst sharing the message of the Incarnation, the Love that came down at Christmas, should be part of our DNA, knowing what to say or how to say it can be hard. As modern-day disciples, we continually work to refine our skills in communicating faithfully, confidently, and joyfully the wonders of the faith we profess. Those who access resources within the monthly bulletin do so in an effort to be better informed about and more able to join in the transforming mission of God, and they make a difference to the building of God's Kingdom in their part of Greater Lincolnshire. There's much to look forward to in 2024 by way of opportunities for Christian learning, and faith and vocational development. All of us within The College of St Hugh team look forward to working alongside and supporting you through the coming year.

We wish you a blessed Advent, and a peaceful, joyous Christmas.

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&

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This bulletin has been sent to all licensed clergy including those with PTO, Readers including those retired with PTO, Authorised Lay Ministers and Churchwardens, and our diocesan Church Army evangelists. Also to the staff in Parish Support at Edward King House and the Diocesan Board of Education.



The College of St Hugh Team

Where do you turn to for support with taking our next steps in faith? Click the button below to meet the College of St Hugh team - we are always delighted to be able to support you and your context.

Do you host any training or study events you could open to a wider audience? Do you produce a resource of some kind, e.g. an advent course, which could be used elsewhere?

If so, send it to the college via collegeofsthugh@lincoln.anglican.org and we can to share the details further afield.

[meet the team](#)

Find out more about St Hild Lincoln [here](#).

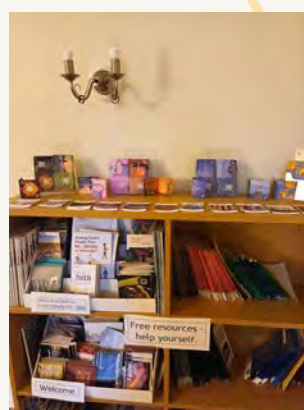
Resources Centre

The College of Saint Hugh Resources Centre is the diocesan lending library of Christian resources. Borrowing is free of charge; resources are available to all church groups and leaders across the Diocese of Lincoln. Come and browse, or book time in the Garden Room for private study.

[find out more](#)

[resource list](#)

Currently, our Resources Centre has a section of various free resources to take away, including free Theology books, please feel free to help yourself to the books from this section.



Churches' Environment Network

All are invited to join these half-termly zooms and connect with others in your Local Mission Partnership, the Deanery Environment Champions, in the Deanery Partnership and beyond. With guest speakers from across the diocese and support from experts in their field. Bring your questions and your stories!

**10
Jan**



Net Zero Buildings

Wednesday 10th Jan 2024 at 07:00 PM on Zoom



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Wildlife & Land

Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 07:00 PM on Zoom

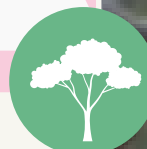


**8
May**



Outdoor Worship

Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 07:00 PM on Zoom



**3
July**



Connecting Community

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 07:00 PM on Zoom



A Journey with Hild & Hugh

Saturday 13th January 2024

St Hild College and the College of St Hugh would be delighted for you to join us for a day of events to celebrate our new partnership, culminating in the launch service in the Cathedral at 3pm.

In the morning, the College of St Hugh team have arranged workshops at Edward King House to explore the themes of our two saints, and what our pilgrimage of faith inspired by Hild and Hugh may look like today.

Lunch arrangements: Please bring your own or there are many great options of cafes and pubs near the Cathedral.

9.45am: Refreshments (Edward King House)

10.30-11.15am: Workshops part 1 (Edward King House)

11.15am: Refreshments served (Edward King House)

11.30-12.15pm: Workshops part 2 (Edward King House)

10.30-12.15pm: Cathedral pilgrimage workshop (Cathedral)

1.30-2.30pm: A Conversation with St Hild and St Hugh (Cathedral chapter house)

3pm: Launch service for St Hild Lincoln (St. Hugh's choir, Cathedral)

4.15pm: Tea, coffee and cake, and information fayre (Cathedral chapter house)

Children are most welcome, and we will ensure that family-friendly activities are available throughout the day.

[Click here to register.](#)

[watch the video](#)

A New Clergy Ministry Development Review (MDR) Process Starting early 2024: Webinar Introductions

MDR should be an empowering and enriching process, an opportunity to reflect before God on your vocation and ministry, and to share the responsibilities of Office and its impact – positive and negative – on who you are as a disciple of Christ and deacon or priest, and on those with whom you most closely share your life; MDR is a spiritual tool for your personal and vocational growth and development.

We have made several significant changes to the process, not least in response to the Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing, ensuring we place questions of how you are as a beloved child of God front and centre, enabling space in which to ask for support for you or your family. Plus, in acknowledgement of our commitment to ministerial collaboration we now offer a list of clergy and lay Reviewers from which you choose who will accompany you in your MDR reflections; their role is to affirm, celebrate, encourage, and empathise with your circumstances and situations, and help you to challenge your thinking, so that you produce clear outcomes that will assist you in your ongoing ministry.

To hear more about the *raison d'être*, aims, and process of this new iteration of MDR, join The Reverend Jackie Johnson, (Wellbeing and CMD Officer), at one of the monthly webinars planned for December and then monthly throughout 2024. If you are contacted by Georgie Kirchen with the request to participate in a MDR, and you're not sure what to do, attend a webinar or contact Jackie direct on jackie.johnson@lincoln.anglican.org

The webinars begin at 7.15pm and end by 9.00pm. The next webinar is on : **18 Dec 2023:**

Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85140107161?pwd=NHhNjdjhOTJlVWnhvWHcyb2pIL2xpUT09>

Meeting ID: 851 4010 7161

Passcode: 395112

Other opportunities are as follows: 31 Jan, 28 Feb, 20 March, 30 April, 22 May, 25 June, 24 Sept, 30 Oct, 27 Nov 2024

New Zoom links will be created for each date and circulated in the Training Bulletins preceding the webinars. There's no need to book, just join Jackie on line. (NB: Given she won't know who, if anyone, will attend, she will wait on line till 7.35pm approx., and if no one joins the webinar she will end the Zoom call and continue her evening with a spot of TV!)

Discovering

Being With Course

The Being With Course is an invitation to discover faith in the context of discovering friendship.

Upcoming training cohorts (three sessions to complete training):

11th, 15th, 17th January 2024 at 16:00

15th, 20th, 22nd February 2024 at 19:00

[book here](#)

**Being
With**

Christian Aid Emergency Appeal for Libya

Christian Aid are working with Dan Church Aid, their Act Alliance partner who have a long-established presence in Libya, to send emergency supplies for the most pressing needs, such as medical assistance, supplies and pharmaceuticals, emergency shelter, sanitation and hygiene kits and food. Longer term, Dan Church Aid will look to contribute rubble clearance and also with longer term reconstruction efforts.



[Emergency Appeal age](#)

Christian Aid Middle East Appeal

By holding a collection on the 10th December, your church can support Christian Aid's partners to provide medical relief and community-led initiatives such as food, shelter, sanitation and cash within Gaza. And trauma based psychological assistance to Israelis who have been affected by the escalation of violent conflict since the 7th October.

Further information about their response to this crisis can be found on the [appeal pages](#), where you can also find resources for church services such as prayers and a power point presentation.

[donate](#)

[prayer room](#)

William Bell, Christian Aid's Head of Middle East, gave an interesting video update on the situation and Christian Aid's response by.

[watch here](#)

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1.5)



The Whole Christmas Story Devotional Journey

This 25-day Advent devotional journey will help you explore on the significance of Jesus' birth in the context of the whole Bible. Starting in Genesis and working through to Revelation, you'll see how Christ came to a world worth saving; how human sin affects every part of life; how God promised to redeem all of his creation; and how in Jesus, he made good on that promise.

And throughout Advent, you'll reflect on how God is calling you to live in a way that contributes to his redeeming work in the world, ushered in by Jesus' birth.

The journey is perfect to do either on your own or with your church family. If you're a church leader, why not plan to do it as a congregation this year? The journey will be available from 1st December via email or the YouVersion app.

[click here](#)

Advent and Christmas Resources

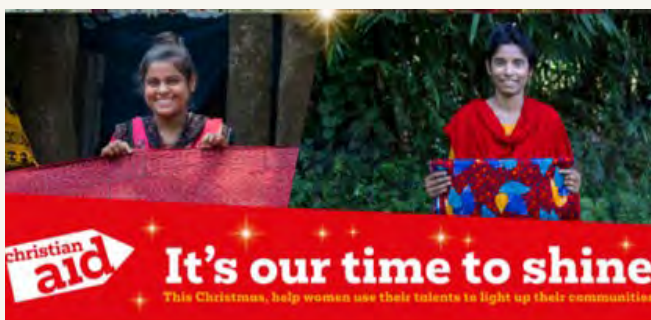


Resource packs and activities for Winter, Christmas and New Year.



Brand new Bible Society resources for 2023 – including two brilliant children's booklets for both primary and toddler ages with accompanying resources, festive Christmas cards and stickers, and so much more – are waiting to be explored. [click here](#)

Free Christingle
Resources from The
Children's Society.


[order here](#)


"It's our time to shine" Christmas Appeal for Bangladesh

Bangladesh is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world. Could your church get involved by:

- Showing one of the short videos each Sunday of advent and have a collection.
- Carol Singing – Yes, could you gather some folk and sing some classic carols. We've got everything you need in terms of permissions etc.

Follow the Star: Join the Song - Resources for
churches

[Follow the Star
resources](#)
[The Great Invitation](#)


COP28 Climate Summit

Prayers and resources for the COP28 climate summit.

[resources](#)

[prayers](#)



Creative Writing with Scripture Retreat

Saturday, 13th January 2024

Grantham House, Grantham

A guided retreat for women without children to explore our place in the Christian story.

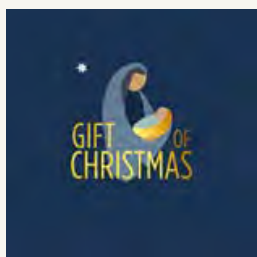
For more information please contact Katy Castaneda at katyjag@outlook.com

[find out more](#)

A guide to look for and name unexpected gifts in your own life during this past year.



Flipbook



Gift of Christmas

[Shop link](#)

This illustrated Christmas gift book unpacks the traditions of Christmas from puddings to Carol singing, leading the reader through to see the essential heart of Christmas and inviting them to discover the true experience of Christmas – a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Visit the shop link to order your copies. Prices from as low as £1.60 each for 200+ books. Check out Hope's other Christmas resources: [A guide to look for and name unexpected gifts in your own life during this past year.](#)

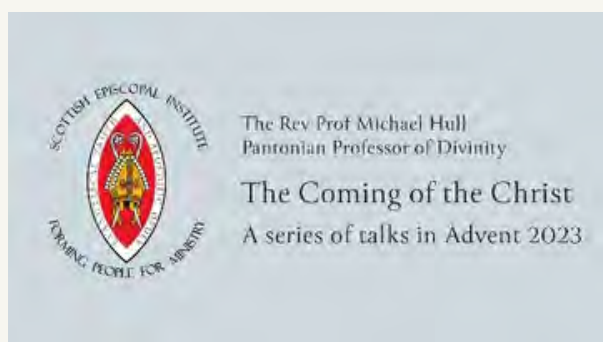
Children, Youth and Families Newsletter

Read the Newsletter from November [here](#)

Free online Advent Talks

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| 1. The Christ: God come down to earth | Monday 04 December 202 |
| 2. The Christ: God come to save us | Monday 11 December 202 |
| 3. The Christ: A sign of contradiction | Monday 18 December 2023 |

The Series is offered on the Mondays of Advent 2023 at 7pm on YouTube as a resource for individuals or groups to use creatively during the Season of Advent.



[click here for more
information](#)

Riding Lights Theatre Company Presents The Narrow Road by Paul Birch – A Passion Play

Riding Lights Theatre Company is currently booking their Passion Play The Narrow Road for a UK tour during the season of Lent in 2024, and is looking to take bookings from local churches in our county.

The performance opens up at key moments for other expressions of worship, music and reflection arising directly out of the drama, creating a powerful act of remembrance which is both participatory and reflective.



Touring February 25th to Holy Saturday, 30th March 2024, Riding Lights are taking bookings from churches now. Each performance costs £1,250 plus VAT, which allows you to decide whether you provide the performance for your community, accept donations from those attending or set your own ticket prices and keep all of the ticket sales. Riding Lights give lots of practical support from their office, including help with publicity and planning.

Please contact Tour Administrator Patrick Burbridge on 01904 655317 or patrick@rltc.org to book a performance or to discuss.

Growing Messtival



Messtival is back on Saturday 2 March 2024 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. With a morning of online workshops to equip and inspire you in your Messy ministry. Why not arrange to attend with your whole team and then share lunch together and chat about what you've heard and how you can apply it to your context?

[find out more](#)

Blue Christmas / Longest Night service

Many bereaved people find Christmas unbearably difficult. Where all around are enforcing celebration and good cheer to all people, those who mourn can feel shut out and excluded. Why not as a church consider holding a service such as 'Blue Christmas' or 'Longest Night service' on the 22 December or thereabouts, which provides a space in church for those who mourn to come to the crib. A simple service with carols and the opportunity to place a candle at the crib scene, it acknowledges the pain that so many feel.

[more information](#)

[order of service](#)



Teach Us To Pray

Save the Date!

Saturday March 9th 10am - 3pm

Lord, Teach us to Pray

All are welcome to this training day and workshop on leading others in prayer, planning intercessions and training others in prayer.

Facilitated by the College of St Hugh Team.

[register here](#)



Prayer Stations for Peace

These six free printable Prayer Stations are a simple way to invite your community to pray for peace. They're ideal for creative worship or to use as interactive prayers during a church service. They can also be left out in church for visitors to explore during the week.

[prayer stations](#)



Christian BSL's online Carol Service

9am on Sunday 10th December

This year's theme, the Magi, reminds us of our own journey of discovery, faith, and the wonders that await us in Christ.

An online service broadcast by 5 main denominations, the Church of England, the Church of Scotland, the Church in Wales, The Methodist Church of Great Britain and The Baptist Union of Great Britain (Baptists Together).

This is the first time a service in BSL has had such ecumenical coverage so we look forward to thousands of people watching.

[click here](#)

Focusing for Growth

Wednesday 13th December
10.30 - 12.30.

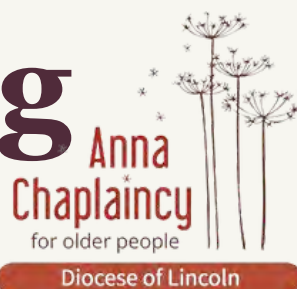
Two hours online with other Appreciative Inquiry practitioners who work with churches and their communities. A little theological reflection, a little catching up, and plenty of curiosity about taking the network forward.

[focusing for growth](#)

[appreciating church](#)

Discerning

Anna Chaplaincy



A 6-week introduction course has been designed for those preparing for a role as Anna Chaplain, covering information about the spirituality of older people and how Anna Chaplaincy responds to spiritual needs in later life. It is a good refresher for those specialising in pastoral care in later life, and also available to those who are already commissioned as Anna Chaplains.

Costs: Currently the course costs £90 inclusive of all training costs, plus £25 (plus £3 P&P) for the Anna Chaplaincy Handbook which is essential reading. There are diocesan funds to support this training to Anna Chaplain or Anna Friend which meet these costs, whether taking on the role in a voluntary or ministerial development capacity. Diocese of Lincoln enquiries via: anna.chaplaincy@lincoln.anglican.org

Free interactive dementia resource

'One Step at a Time' - a resource to help churches improve support for people living with dementia.



[one step at a time](#)

[resource](#)

How can churches support carers of those affected with dementia?

[course information](#)

EMBRACING AGE
Later life in all its fullness 

There is a free course for churches wanting to support people affected by dementia. This new 4 session course is designed to equip church teams to support carers, helping carers to build their own support teams. Each session includes a video to watch and questions to discuss together.

Church Army Discovery Evenings

Online – Monday 26th February 2024 - 7 pm – 9.30 pm
Our training will develop and deepen your understanding of pioneering evangelism and the Church Army's DNA. We train all our evangelists in context, and you will find that the mix of learning, practice and faith will be the rich soil that will help your evangelism gifts to grow.



[sign up](#)



The College
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Reader Vocations Day

Saturday 17th February 2024
Edward King House Lincoln 9:30-3



Might God be calling you to explore Reader ministry? This is a day for anyone who thinks they may have a vocation to Reader ministry or who would like to find out more about what it's like to be a Reader.

The day will include short presentations from:

- Several Readers who exercise diverse ministries
- Revd Canon Dr Sarah Lawrence St Hild Lincoln Centre head who oversees training for Reader ministry for the Diocese
- Our Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations Revd Sonia Barron
- Joint Wardens of Lay Ministry Marion Hewis and Clare Lindsay will be available for conversation and questions.

Tea and Coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch. Booking is not essential but an email to alice.maikuma@lincoln.anglican.org to help with numbers for refreshments would be appreciated and do please forward the information to anyone else you think might be interested. We look forward to seeing you there.

Explore Online

Discover what parish nursing could offer to your community.

Join us on Zoom for a free information session with our
Regional Nurse Coordinator, Dawn Stephens.

7th December 2023

1-hour sessions at 10am and 7pm

Contact enquiries@parishnursing.org.uk to join!



**Parish Nursing
Ministries UK**





Training

[book here](#)

Preaching Workshops

Preaching the Themes of Lent - Tuesday 16 January, 10.30 on zoom

Preaching on and Through Music - Saturday 10 February, 10:30 on zoom

Preaching at Funerals - Monday 12 February, 10.30 on zoom

Out of the Shadows: Preaching the Women of the Bible - Saturday 17 February, 10.00 at the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, WF14 0BN

Preaching the Events of Good Friday as Seen through the Women's Eyes - Saturday 9 March, 10.30 on zoom

Connecting Old Testament & New Testament in Our Preaching - Saturday 20 April, 10.30 on zoom

Managing your Church's Trust Funds

Thursday 14th March 2024 10am – 11am

This is an online session for anyone who is involved in dealing with Permanent Endowment Trust Funds on behalf of their parish, or who wants to find out more about these investments.

The session will cover the following topics:

- What is a Permanent Endowment?
- The role of the Diocesan Board of Finance as a Diocesan Authority Custodian Trustee of Parish Property and Monetary Trusts.
- The Charities Act 2012 : Changes to the rules relating to Permanent Endowments.
- Winding Up small charities/trust funds
- New borrowing rules – allowing charity trustees to borrow up to 25% of the market value from a permanent endowment fund
- Amending the purposes of a charity/Trust Fund.

[book a place](#)

Summer Biblical Study in Cambridge

A 2024 programme of Summer Biblical Study in Cambridge (VTBS) meeting at Westminster College, Cambridge.

Please use the booking form below.

Courses explore Old and New Testament topics and related subjects. Daily Language classes in biblical Greek or Hebrew. Bursaries and awards are available.

[details](#)
[booking form](#)




CofE Digital Labs Webinars

Through December 2023 and January 2024

Attend free Digital Labs webinars to learn how to use digital communications
for evangelism and discipleship.

[click here](#)

Generous Living - Training and drop-ins

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| 21 March 2024 10am | GiftAid and the Small Donations Scheme |
| 4th June 2024 2pm | The Role of the PCC Treasurer |
| 10th June 2024 2pm | Developing Legacy Giving in your Church |
| 3rd July 2024 10am | Budget Setting for PCCs |
| 8th October 2024 10am | An Introduction to Contactless and Online Giving |
| 8th October 2024 2pm | Charities, Trusteeship and the PCC |

Enabling Skills for Ministry and Mission

This part time course runs
from January to November.

[more information](#)



Estates Church Network

If you serve in Estate Churches or Low Income Communities we
invite you to join the Estate Church Network. This will enable us to
keep you updated on local training, resources and support offered to
all within the network. If you are interested please email
alice.maikuma@lincoln.anglican.org

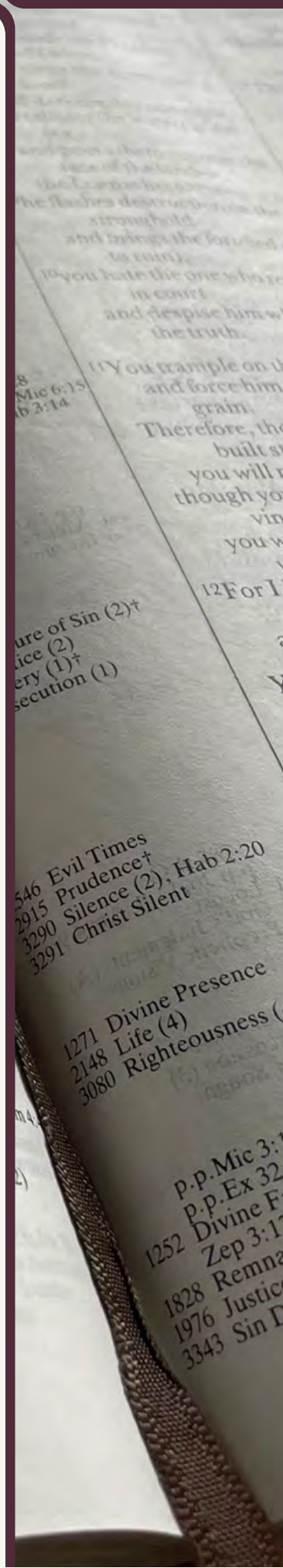


[Click here](#) to find out more about the National Estate Churches
Network.

Apply for a free **Canva** pro account

Canva.com is an easy-to-use design tool, created for people without any design
experience in mind. Canva offer a free, non-profit account which churches are eligible to
apply for. This type of account provides you with all the 'pro' features on Canva.

[how to apply](#)



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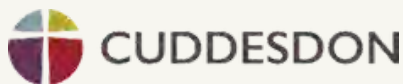
Retreat Programme for Clergy

6th March: Behold I am doing a new thing
(If you are in the first four years as a first
time incumbent and would like to attend
this Retreat, full funding is available.

Please contact

jackie.johnson@lincoln.anglican.org)

I am on Wednesday, 13th March to after
lunch on Friday, 15th March 2024: Keeping
our Balance in Ministry: Mary, Martha &
Lazarus



[details and booking](#)

Seasonal Services of the Word

These services of the word are designed to be used in
conjunction with the [Homilies Project](#). There will be
seasonal variations added during the year.



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Home Grown Wisdom

We are hoping to gather together expertise and knowledge from lay and
ordained colleagues around the Diocese in several day events through 2024
at which we share Home Grown Wisdom. If there is a Christian theme in
which you are well-versed, or a subject on which you have undertaken
further study, and you'd like to share your reflections/findings with others in
a two hour or a morning or afternoon session, get in touch with me, at
jackie.johnson@lincoln.anglican.org

We will create a programme from the submissions, open to anyone
interested in the topics.

Home Grown Wisdom will be created by you, facilitated by you, and will
include a variety of offerings open to all comers.



Unconscious Bias, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism sessions

Continuing Ministerial Development sessions.

Saturday 20th January 2024, 9am-3pm, Edward King House in Lincoln
Unconscious bias, diversity and inclusion.

Saturday 4th May 2024, 9am-3pm, Edward King House in Lincoln
Intercultural Awareness and anti-racism.

Parking is available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please bring a packed lunch.
Please email judith.simons@sthild.org to book a place.

Simple mission ideas for rural churches through Advent and Christmas

[Stable trail](#)

[Village Real Advent Calendar](#)

[In Search of Christmas](#)

Outdoor nativity scene

[Posada](#)

[Run a Christmas Messy Church](#)

Leading Change in Church

Up to £250 CMD Funding is available to clergy wishing to attend this course.
CMD Funding Application form available from: jackie.johnson@lincoln.anglican.org

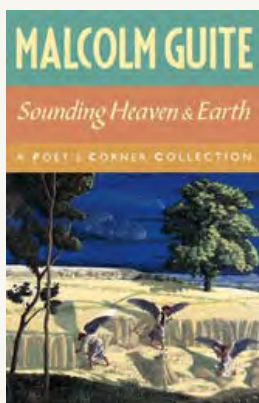
This course runs from the 18th April - 13th June, 2024.

2-hour classes plus four 1-hour seminars, taught over 8 weeks via online real-time meetings and instruction and after class activities. There is a week's break during the course. The time commitment required is approximately 6 hours per week inclusive of classes.

[find out more](#)

Book Recommendation

Sounding Heaven and Earth A Poet's Corner Collection
'His acute observations of the local, the everyday, moments of conversation and life's simple pleasures are doorways into a bigger reality of a world suffused with the meaning and beauty that lies beneath surface appearances.'




Upcoming Retreats at Edenham House

EDENHAM RETREAT HOUSE

STORYTELLING COMMUNICATION & FAITH

A TEACHING DAY
WITH SIMON AIREY
STORYTELLER
& PRIEST



SAT 9TH DECEMBER
10AM-4PM : BYO LUNCH : £16pp
edenhamoffice@gmail.com

EDENHAM RETREAT HOUSE

The face of love

seeing and being seen

What it might mean to look more deeply into God and at the same time allow ourselves to become conscious of God gazing back?

A DAY RETREAT WITH
SR RACHEL OVERTON

Saturday 27th January 2024
10am to 4pm
£16 per person (BYO lunch)
Booking: edenhamoffice@gmail.com
01778 591358

Simon Airey is a priest who has worked with traditional oral storytelling for many years and has adapted a narrative style in his own communication in ministry. He believes that storytelling is a transformative way of communicating truth without telling people what to believe. Story is the simplest way to connect, delight, and entertain. On Saturday 9th December at Edenham Retreat House he will lead a workshop enabling people to play with the medium of oral storytelling. Everyone is a storyteller but most of us need to find which stories we tell and learn how to tell them to the best of our ability. £16 per person. BYO lunch. To book email edenhamoffice@gmail.com

NB: Members of The College of St. Hugh Team are sent information from a large number of organisations about training and resources, and we endeavour to ensure that what we pass on to you via this bulletin is appropriate and of quality. However, it is important to note here that the views expressed by any individual, group, or organisation listed are entirely their own and may not necessarily reflect those of the Team or the Diocese of Lincoln.



Grants

Ready for School Grant

The Bishop of Lincoln's Ready For School Fund aims to support schoolchildren who are lacking the things they need in order to access confidently the full life of school and the curriculum.

Application guidance

The Bishop of Lincoln's Ready For School Fund is for small grants of no more than around £100 for individual children and administered at no cost by the LDTBF

Applications must be on forms downloadable from the [Board of Education website](#).

For further details contact: education@lincoln.anglican.org

Transformation Fund

This Fund provides grants to help churches launch new missional initiatives or significantly develop existing projects that will help transform lives across greater Lincolnshire.

Tier 1 (up to £500) always open to applications.

Tier 2 Grants available from £501 to a maximum of £20,000 within any one year.

Application closing date: 15th March for panel meeting on 20th March 2024

Contact sarah.spencer@lincoln.anglican.org for an application form



UK Shared Prosperity GRASSroots Grants

Staff and Trustees at Lincolnshire Community Foundation (LCF) in conjunction with South & East Lincolnshire Council's Partnership are pleased to announce the launch of a flagship grants scheme, GRASSroots Grants which is available to organisations (charities, community groups, social enterprises, Parish & Town Councils etc.) operating for the benefit of people living in East Lindsey, Boston Borough, or South Holland District Council areas. Grants of up to £24,999 are available to enable places to invest in and/or restore their community spaces and create the foundations for growth at neighbourhood level. [Find out more.](#)

Funding for Warm Spaces

We are thrilled to announce that the government is launching a £76 million Cost of Living Fund for community organisations—including warm spaces—this winter. The fund is called [The Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund](#) and is delivered by the [Community Fund](#).

Spaces can apply for funding between £10,000 and £75,000. The timing of the fund, with resource available to cover operations from October 2023 to March 2024, lines up with our forthcoming Warm Welcome Campaign.

Grants

Apply for a free defibrillator for your community

Applications for a free, BHF-funded defibrillator are now open. Applications will close on 15 March 2024. Find out more about condition and how to apply [here](#).

University of Lincoln/Chamber of Commerce Knowledge Transfer Partnership

Small to medium enterprises (SMEs) in Lincolnshire will be able to submit a free application to receive expert business support which aims to develop and implement an Innovate UK-funded environmental, social, and governance (ESG) self-assessment tool and accreditation scheme. To enquire about how your business could access the KTP funding, contact the University's Research and Enterprise team: enterprise@lincoln.ac.uk

[How does it work?](#)



Make a Start (MAST) - grants for individuals

Small grants up to £250 can be made to individuals to help them get back to work, into training or education, where funding from a statutory organisation is unobtainable. Applicants should be 16 years or over and currently working no more than 16 hours per week. Visit the link for information and application process: <https://lincolnshirecf.co.uk/grants/make-a-start-mast/>



Community Grocery



The Community Grocery Lincoln is here to bridge the gap between food banks and supermarkets by helping local residents with their weekly food shops. If you are feeling the financial impact of rising living costs then we are here to help. We have an annual membership of £5, it's £4 a shop and you can do up to 5 shops a week (max 1 each day).

To find out more visit:

communitygrocery.org.uk/Lincoln

- Beaumont Manor Lincoln LN1 1UL

- Mon-Fri 9:30am-4.30pm

- In partnership with Acts Trust, Alive Church

Grants

Funds for resources



We're delighted to announce the work of 10Giving, a charity to support the distribution of gospel resources. Using funds donated by 10ofthose.com, and other supporters, 10Giving supports churches, Christian organisations and individuals by providing grants to purchase Christian literature for discipleship and evangelism. [Apply for funds.](#)

'We received evangelistic booklets to give to adults this Saturday at the Christmas Tree Festival, when we will also be giving out Advent Paper Chains to the children. The other resources are children's books of the Christmas story to be given out at our Christingle service on Christmas Eve. The last resources were books about grief, which we will give out at our new Friendship Cafe which starts in January 2024.' Revd Judith Simons, Bolingbroke. If you would like a conversation about how this works, Judith would be happy to explain how their church applied for their funding, contact revjudithsimons@hotmail.com

Grants to Support Individuals & Families in Need

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to charities, housing associations, schools and social services providing support for individuals and families across the UK who are in financial need.

The Cosaraf Charitable Foundation's Hardship Grants will support individuals and families who have exhausted all other sources of funding and are struggling with everyday costs, such as basic living expenses, household items and utilities, work- or education-related expenses, or rent arrears. Applications can be made at any time and are assessed every six weeks. [Apply for funding here.](#)

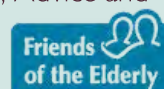
Grants for Older People on Low Incomes

Small grants of up to £400 (£500 for couples) are available to support vulnerable older people living on low incomes in England and Wales.

Grants can be used to cover essential expenses such as purchasing a new fridge, paying unexpected bills, food, clothing, or covering gas and electricity costs.

Applications must be made via a third-party Referral Agent such as charities, local authorities, religious organisations, housing associations, community organisations, Information, Advice and Guidance providers and social services representatives, etc.

Applications can be made at any time. [Find out more.](#)



Children, Youth and Families Enabler Funding

The CYF Enablers individually and collectively, are being appointed to make a significant contribution to delivering the Church of England's national target of doubling its number of children and young active disciples by 2030. You can apply for funding (£10K per annum for 3 years) for a Children, Youth and Families Enabler for your Deanery Partnership. Please get in touch with Micki.Carey-Slater@lincoln.anglican.org first. [More information.](#)

[Application form.](#) [Click here for guidance.](#) [Click here for information on deadlines.](#)

DECEMBER

Social Justice & Environment

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		5 <u>World Soil Day</u>				
10 <u>Human Rights Day</u>	11 <u>International Mountain Day</u>				14 <u>World Energy Conservation Day</u>	
		18 <u>International Migrants Day</u>				

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			24 <u>International day of education</u>			27 <u>Holocaust Memorial Day</u>

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 <u>Time to talk day</u>	<u>World Interfaith Harmony Week</u>	
	<u>Children's mental health week</u>					
		20 <u>World day of Social Justice</u>				