



A FRESH APPROACH TO MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE DIOCESE

Bishop Tricia and the Diocesan Training Oversight Group are bringing a fresh approach to our ministerial development in 2026, including adapted timings to provide more in-depth full day offerings, supplemented by the occasional shorter evening session.

Here is some information so far.

JANUARY CMD

On Saturday **31st January 9am - 12.30pm** in St Ninian's Church

The "Target Mission" morning, organised by Louise Whitelegg, our NZC Officer. [This flyer](#) gives details. The session runs from 9am - 12.30pm and make sure you register if you wish to be included in the Breakfast Baps at the start!

Please contact Lorna in the office to register your attendance or apologies for this day.

FEBRUARY CMD

On **Thursday 19th February 7.30pm - 9.30pm** [Philip Jenson](#) from the [College of Preachers](#) will be delivering a session on Preaching the Old Testament. This will be via zoom and a link and further details will be sent out nearer to the date. This will allow people to engage with the session from the comfort of your own home.

APRIL

The **Chrism Eucharist** this year will be on **Wednesday 1st April at 10am** followed by a simple lunch at the Cathedral. At Bishop Tricia's suggestion, as with many dioceses, we move to gathering together earlier in Holy Week to allow clergy and Readers to be in their home parishes for Maundy Thursday.

Later in 2026

There are plans in the making for a number of other events/training for which dates are in the process of being finalised. Details will be circulated when available and they will include:

- A **Diocesan Day** to be held close to Pentecost. The date and details will be available shortly.
- A **CPAS Session** to be led by a team from [CPAS \(Church Pastoral Aid Society\)](#)
This will include a session during the day for clergy and Readers and a more general session open to other lay members of our churches in the evening. Details of what will be on offer is below.
The date for this session will be confirmed once the date for the Pentecost Day is finalised.
 - Daytime Session: **Thrive MPB Day**
Want to help your multi-parish benefice (MPB) thrive? This training day introduces the [Thrive Collection](#): a set of interlocking resources designed to support lay and ordained leaders in navigating the unique challenges and opportunities of MPBs. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the thinking behind Thrive and receive training on how to facilitate meaningful conversations using the resources.
Drawing on real-world experience from across the country, Thrive offers practical insights and proven tools to strengthen collaboration, prayer, leadership, and vision.

- Evening Session: **How to Nurture a Faith Sharing Culture**

Many resources explore evangelism as a concept or personal practice, but few offer practical guidance on the subtle, powerful shifts that embed evangelism into the very culture of a church. This session is designed for leaders of churches, Fresh Expressions, congregations, church plants, Messy Church, church and youth ministries and more. It equips leaders to cultivate a community where faith sharing becomes natural, expected, and joyfully embraced, not an add-on, but a core expression of church life.

- **27th October 2026** - a full training day led by [Bridge Builders](#). Further details on this day will be available later in the year. Please put the date in your diary
- In addition we hope to be able to find a suitable date for the Follow up **Bereavement Session** which was cancelled due to bad weather last November.
- Another session with the [College of Preachers](#) on 'Refreshing your Preaching' is being planned for the Autumn.