

## CLERGY DAY CONFERENCE - Tuesday 19 January

### BEING CHURCH AFTER COVID

In place of the usual Diocesan Clergy Conference in January, clergy are invited to an online day Conference on **Tuesday 19 January**, on “**Being Church after Covid.**”

The Conference will be led by **Dr Richard Tiplady**, Director of Mixed-Mode training at SEI. The aim will be to give us ideas to explore and possible steps to take.

The day will have 5 sections, with good breaks between them:

- 3 sessions led by Richard, each of 1 hour duration including input, group discussion, and questions:

- **Church and Ministry in a Time of Covid**
- **Leading in Times of Uncertainty**
- **Pioneer ministry: learning and experimentation in mission**

- An **open session** to share experience and concerns about ministry

- Online **worship** together

Please register now for the Conference with Carol at [bishopsec@standrews.anglican.org](mailto:bishopsec@standrews.anglican.org).

A **podcast** of Dr Richard Tiplady in discussion with URC minister Stewart Cutler on “Church and Ministry after Covid”, “Leading When You Don’t Know Where You’re Going”, and “Pioneer Ministry”, can be viewed at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_UID2065ijQ&ab\\_channel=ctl-alt-del-church](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_UID2065ijQ&ab_channel=ctl-alt-del-church).

A video helpful for session 2 is at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7oz366X0-8&ab\\_channel=CognitiveEdge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7oz366X0-8&ab_channel=CognitiveEdge) (a short presentation by Dave Snowden, one of the authors of the pre-reading paper for session 2).

**Preparatory reading**, as listed below, is attached along with this outline, for you to consult before 19 January:

#### **Session 1: Church and Ministry After Covid**

Pre-reading: <https://www.thersa.org/blog/2020/04/change-covid19-response> (this is an exploration of the RSA grid that is included in the handout; it would be good if people could read this web page and reflect on its questions before we meet)

Handout: *Being the Church and Doing Ministry in the time of Covid-19* (already circulated to clergy; attached again for ease of reference)

## **Session 2: Leading In Times of Uncertainty**

Pre-reading: D Snowden and M Boone (2007), *A Leader's Framework for Decision Making* (Harvard Business Review). Attached as pdf; also available at <https://hbr.org/2007/11/a-leaders-framework-for-decision-making> (which is useful for accessing the sidebars in the paper).

Handout: will be circulated after the session.

## **Session 3: Pioneer ministry: learning and experimentation in mission**

Required pre-reading: J Baker and C Ross (2014), *The Pioneer Gift: Explorations in Mission*, Norwich: Canterbury Press (chapter 1)

Supplementary reading (i.e. additional voluntary pre-reading, or for further reading afterwards):

- D Male and P Weston (2019), "What Does the Development of Fresh Expressions of Church in the UK Tell Us about Mission Today?", in *International Review of Mission*, Vol 108 No 2, pp276-289
- T Hodgett and P Bradbury (2018), "Pioneering Mission is a Spectrum", in *Anvil: Journal of Theology and Mission*, Vol 34 No 1, pp30-34
- S Croft, "Persuading Gamaliel: Helping the Anglo-Catholic Tradition Engage with Fresh Expressions of Church", in S Croft and I Mobsby (2009), *Ancient Faith, Future Mission: Fresh Expressions In The Sacramental Tradition*, Norwich: Canterbury Press, pp36-51

Handout: *Introduction to Pioneer Ministry* (attached)