



Interim Ministry Bulletin: **SPRING 2021**

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Welcome to the latest Interim Ministry Bulletin. The Diocese of Chelmsford has been sending out these bulletins since 2018 as a result of capacity building funding from the Church Commissioners' Strategic Development Fund, with the aim of developing networking and training in Interim Ministry. This is the last in that series for now, but we hope the bulletins will return in some form in future.

ONLINE LAUNCH: IM National Resources – Monday 22nd March 10.30am

Topic: IM Web Resource Launch Time: Mar 22, 2021 10:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92446313818?pwd=R0tDQIM2cnEwaUJJZ1FLRDh5cDZlZz09>

Meeting ID: 924 4631 3818 Passcode: 053118

The Archbishop of York, the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, will be launching the national IM Web Resource and IM Source Book at Zoom gathering hosted by the Diocese of Chelmsford. The *IM Web Resource* and *IM Source Book* are the output of Capacity Building Funding from the Church of England's Strategic Development Fund (SDF). They will form a national IM resources 'hub', initially to be hosted by the Diocese of Chelmsford. The launch will hear from serving IMs, laity, archdeacons and bishops on the value of IM. All welcome to celebrate and give thanks for this milestone in IM development in the Church of England. *We have a fantastic new logo too, thanks to graphic designer Eugenie Dodd of EDT Typographics.*

IM LEADERSHIP: IM National Steering Group

A national IM Steering Group was set up following the training in January to help develop a way forward for IM in the Church of England. All are current serving IMs in different dioceses and are deeply committed to seeing further development and a sustainable future for IM. It consists of Revd Julie Bacon (Leeds), Revd Helen Gheorghiu Gould (Chelmsford) – convener until end March 2021, Revd Fiona Pennie (Liverpool); Revd Stephen Skinner (Exeter); Revd Philip Swan (Lichfield), Revd Louise Vincer (Canterbury).

Revd Julie Bacon will convene the Steering Group from April 2021. Contact: revjulesbacon@gmail.com

IM TRAINING:

Pilot Training Evaluation

Thank you to all who attended the pilot training programme for Interim Ministry in January, hosted by Chelmsford Diocese. We trained around 30 participants from some 12 dioceses. The evaluation was excellent, and we were grateful that we got 100% for meeting the objectives of the training and IM Source Book. The sessions which people found most helpful were on Managing Anxious Systems (led by Liz Griffiths of Bridge Builders Ministries), Introduction to IM (led by Revd Susan Eibner of IMN USA); Analysing Power and Health in parishes: Developing Vision and Mission; and Exploring Context and Values in parishes. All the material we used for the training can be found in the IM Source Book on the IM Web Resource at www.interimministry.org.uk

Transition Teams training: Interim Ministry Network USA

For those that came across transition teams in the recent training and would like to know more: In this Zoom seminar you will discover and explore the importance and purpose of a Transition Team, how it is selected, steps for team development, the importance of trust formation. Observation guides for Team effectiveness and training the Transition Team included. Forthcoming dates: April 30, July 20, October 06. Time: 1-5.30pm Eastern Time (GMT 8am-12.30pm) Non members: \$145 (About £103). Members \$95 (About £68) <https://imnedu.org/the-transition-team/>

IM JOBS: *A few of the increasing number of IM roles...*

Diocese of Oxford: *Interim Priest-in-Charge* (Three Years, Full-time) for the Lamp Group Benefice in the Archdeaconry of Buckingham - The Lamp Group of parishes wish to appoint an Interim Priest-in-Charge to lead its four churches (three parishes) towards a proposed reorganisation of the Newport Deanery, preparing the benefice for its ministry and mission in the years to come.

Closing date: Thursday 18 March 2021.

Apply: <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/job/pathways/2225/interim-priest-in-charge-three-years-full-time-for-the-lamp-group-benefice-in-the-archdeaconry-of-buckingham>

Diocese of Canterbury: *Interim Team Rector of Dover Town* - an exciting and challenging opportunity to make a real difference in our Team Ministry. We want to hear from the right person who can:

- Help us to clarify our collective vision and purpose.
- Support us in processing issues which have been identified within the team (enabling us to move from woundedness to wellness)
- Help us to recognise and rejoice in our difference and distinctiveness so they are seen as a strength within a common vision and purpose.
- Offer some fresh leadership and insight as we develop our mission and ministry within the Team and Town.

Closing date: 23 April 2021.

Apply: <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/job/pathways/2238/interim-team-rector-of-dover-town>

FAREWELL FOR NOW: Revd Helen Gheorghiu Gould will be leaving her post as IM and Vacancy Development Advisor for Chelmsford at the end of March 2021, but will contribute via the national Steering Group. She can be reached at h.gheorghiu Gould@btinternet.com. Tel: 07866 451744. It has been a real privilege to serve in this ministry and build the network. Thank you all.

The Diocese of Chelmsford will continue to host the IM resources and network for now.

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