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with local churches



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At Trinity we believe that ministry training is best done in partnership with missional contexts. Ordinands will be members of a church, usually in small teams, to provide practical and contextual experience throughout their training. Some independent students also choose to integrate academic learning and practical experience in this way.

There are a rich variety of parishes available to you from villages near Bristol to city centre churches and from wealthy suburbia to more deprived estate ministry with a variety of worship styles and traditions too. The objective is to provide you with sustained engagement in a church and the local community where you have opportunities for contextual and collaborative missional experience, including: preaching, worshipping, leading, getting involved in the life of the church, engaging with the local community and integrating theory with practice.

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Supervisors:

Will Fairbairn / Steven Faux

Redland is a large evangelical church located about a mile from Trinity. It is now in a new season of its life following the appointment of a new vicar. Redland is a church that is passionate about putting discipleship of Jesus at the centre, growing its engagement with younger people and seeking to bless the wider city of Bristol. It's also a church seeking to grow

in its openness to the Holy Spirit. Students joining Redland at this time come in the middle of an exciting season of change and new life.

Students will be supervised by Will, the Vicar and Steven, the Associate Vicar. Will has been at Redland for around a year now. It is his first job following curacy. He is passionate about building a church centred on apprenticing our lives to Jesus in the power of the Spirit. Will is married to Katie and they have a little baby boy called Seth.

Steven has been at Redland for 5 years, and since leaving Trinity College 12 years ago has combined ordained ministry with writing music for TV and other media. He loves to bring similar creativity to sharing the Gospel of Jesus.

St Peter's Henleaze

Supervisor:

Mark Pilgrim

Service, 7.30pm Contemplative Service, Thursday 10.30am Communion, Monday – Friday 9.15am Morning Prayer. St Peter's is emerging from a past where liturgy and robes have been essential into a more relaxed future summed up in the mission statement 'Worship God. Make friends. Change the world.' and in these values 'Pray faithfully. Listen well. Act boldly. Serve generously.' St Peter's benefits from having a diverse preaching team, a

St Peter's is a busy church in the thriving suburb of Henleaze with several distinct congregations. In Covid-affected 2020 these were: Sunday 8am 'quiet' Communion, 10am 'Parish' Communion, 11am All Age/Family

part-time Curate and part-time Youth Worker and a host of attenders keen to engage in mission locally and in partnership with others across the world. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a parish on the move—doing things differently as disciples of Christ.

My approach to being a supervisor is to be a co-learner all the time: 'What can we discover together?' is my constant question. Supervising, for me, is about being on a journey together—one in which the panorama is always new but, as someone with 35 years experience of ordained ministry, there are usually some familiar landmarks and previous tracks to read and relate to! Having ordinands on placement and accompanying them on their formation journey is a privilege both I and the attenders of St Peter's enjoy together.



Supervisors:

Minty Hull / Nicola Stanley

There is an opportunity for one or two students to be based at Bristol Cathedral, which stands at the heart of the city. The Cathedral is open to visitors and worshippers, regularly welcoming hundreds of people through the doors each day. A daily rhythm of prayer and worship is central to our mission and maintains a tradition going back 800 years, to the time when the Cathedral was an Abbey. This placement offers a unique opportunity to experience the rich and multi-layered ministry of a cathedral in the 21st century, as it engages with the wider diocese and the civic life of the city, as well as

its own worshipping congregations. Students will experience working as part of a team, alongside clergy and lay colleagues who are responsible for making day-to-day decisions about every aspect of the Cathedral's life. Liturgical involvement ensures students gain in confidence and knowledge, enabling them to minister in any environment in the future. There is also a lively education department, strong links with the Cathedral school, and a commitment to social justice across the city, which includes outreach to the homeless. This is a flexible placement, allowing students to engage with aspects of Cathedral life which interest them. Supervision of students comes under the remit of the Revd Dr Minty Hull, Cathedral Chaplain for Spirituality, who is tasked with care for spiritual wellbeing and supporting spiritual development at the Cathedral. Minty Hull also holds a couple of roles within the Diocese including Bishop's Advisor for Spiritual Direction and as such has a particular interest in formation. She previously worked in the NHS as a clinical psychologist.

Joint Context of Christ Church Clifton / All Saints Clifton

www.ccweb.org.uk
www.allsaintsclifton.org



Supervisors:

Paul Langham / Charles Sutton

Christ Church Clifton is a large vibrant, 'Word and Spirit' Anglican church, affiliated to New Wine, with a vision to see God's kingdom come in our church, city, and nation. There is a particularly active young people/student ministry. Ordinands are given 'access to all areas.'

All Saints is an Anglo-Catholic church with a reputation for high quality liturgy, situated in Clifton between Clifton Village and Whiteladies Road. It has a large congregation and good links with the local primary School. Students are expected to engage with both churches in order to benefit from the joint context.



Supervisors:

Jema Ball / Simon Potter

'Following Jesus and making Him known'. A parish church in the evangelical tradition at the heart of our community. We are one of the five churches in the Avonside Mission Area, pioneering collaborative ways of working together for the social, cultural, and spiritual transformation of NW Bristol. St Mary's has an experienced staff team led by the Vicar, Rev Jema Ball. We can offer an opportunity to see and reflect on the initial phase of a new vicar's ministry. St Mary's is a welcoming community of all ages with many opportunities for ministry in a variety of worship styles, from informal café church to BCP to Messy Church, and in a broad range of activities including youth and children's work and ministry to the older generation and all the age groups in between.

Jema: I have been Vicar of St Mary's since December 2019, having previously been an Associate Vicar elsewhere for four years. I am really enjoying this role and it's been a joy to work with the students from Trinity College and to learn and grow together in ministry. I am particularly passionate about reaching families and young people and love to partner with our local primary school which my children attend.

Simon: I've been Associate Vicar at St Mary's since February 2018, having come back to Stoke Bishop (where I'd studied at Trinity) following a curacy in Oxford. My background, pre-ordination, was in secondary school teaching, lay school chaplaincy, and worship leading in both Anglican and free church settings. I love the chance that ministry offers to facilitate opportunities both for those who are part of the church family and those who are not yet part of it, to experience creative and life-changing encounters with the good news of Jesus Christ, especially in worship, Bible teaching, small groups, leadership development, and mission. I enjoy being involved with Trinity life both as a placement supervisor and also as a trustee.

Hazelnut Community Farmwww.hazelnutcommunityfarm.com

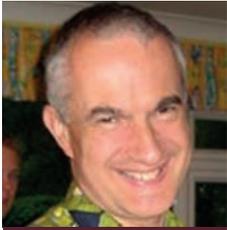
Supervisor:

John White

This is a new pioneering opportunity for one or two students and is linked to St Mary's Stoke Bishop. Hazelnut Community Farm is a growing community: creating a sustainable model of church and community engagement able to flourish in a climate crisis, using urban agriculture, food production, and waste management as tools for social innovation, economic inclusion, and political and spiritual transformation. We are a fresh expression/pioneering model of church, based around combining a community garden and church. It is also forming a larger dispersed network of growers across the UK. Hazelnut is a great place to encounter the ups and downs of pioneering church planting.

St Mary's Almondsbury

www.almondsburychurch.org.uk



Supervisor:
Philip Rowe

Students with a heart for rural ministry can be involved in this benefice under the supervision of an experienced, enthusiastic Incumbent with good colleagues, both ordained and lay, who will participate in learning and growing together. There are hands-on opportunities to engage in mission in Almondsbury and other villages with a variety of styles of worship within easy reach of college. Do join us as we reconnect with families post-Covid.

St Michael's Stoke Gifford

www.stmichaelsbristol.org



Supervisors:
Simon Jones / Julie Bradley

St Michael's Stoke Gifford is a charismatic evangelical church 'living to make a difference' by being a Christian heart at the centre of the community. We have three strategies to achieve this: a) discipleship b) outreach c) serving the community. We do Alpha, plant new church communities, run a coffee shop and a successful pre-school and nursery. The heart of the church is the 'life groups'. Students would gain a range of experience in a growing church focused on mission.

Yate Parish Church

www.yateparish.org.uk



Supervisor:
Ian Wallace

Yate parish is the largest in Bristol Diocese, 12 miles from Trinity. It is a diverse benefice, offering a town centre, estate, village, and rural church together with strong school links. Mission lies at the heart of our parish vision, particularly to new housing areas. We place emphasis on growing discipleship, community engagement and children and young families. With the new housing developments, the ministry team and pioneer ministry has grown, particularly within the Fresh Expressions we have launched. It is one of the diocesan Mission Areas and so there are exciting opportunities to be part of collaborative working across parish boundaries.

St Matthew and St Nathanael Church Kingsdown

www.stmatthews-bristol.org.uk



Supervisors:

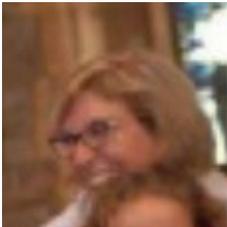
Ian Tomkins / Gaby Doherty

St Matthews is a church on the move. Covid has meant that we have started producing online offerings, and we have been blessed to have a good group of students to help with our worship and bringing a lighter feel to our services. Students who come here are able to have good input into the church because we genuinely

listen to their feedback and apply it where appropriate. This year our small groups are being reformed on the suggestion of a student, and they have also been the inspiration behind reforming our service pattern. The church originates from two Bristol churches, St Matthew's and St Nathanael's, and brings together Word, Spirit, and Sacrament in its approach to ministry and worship. There is a love for Jesus and a desire to get to know him better through the scriptures. The church has a heart to encourage community life and increasingly wants to become a place which others are drawn to and from which the church goes out to share Jesus' love. This is not a perfect church where we have everything sussed out, but we are on a journey and there are plenty of opportunities if you would like them.

St Alban's Westbury Park

www.westburyparkchurch.org.uk



Supervisor:

Emma Langley

The Church in Westbury Park is a community-focused, Eucharist-centred, socially aware ecumenical church which seeks to be a living sign of the Kingdom of God. We are a diverse and inclusive community who are seeking to deepen our own discipleship and to reach out to others in love and service. We understand ourselves to be a church for all, not just regular worshippers and so we work in partnership with our local community and far beyond as we look for where God is already at work and try to join in. We have strong links with local businesses and currently host a French restaurant! We are very involved in the local school and residential homes, and we are planning to welcome a refugee family in 2021 into a church-owned house. We run a pre-school, a listening service, and a lunch club amongst other things. There's loads to get stuck into in Westbury Park, why not come and join us?



Supervisor:
Helen Johnson

'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see' (John 1:39). If you want to know what St Mary's Shirehampton is all about then do come and see for yourself. This context is an unusual mix of urban/village, with all the challenges of poverty, unemployment, and ill-health that you'd expect to find in an urban area, but with all the care and concern of a village, and a church family that will love you, just as you are. Over the past three years we have been on a journey of transition and change and we are beginning to explore what following Jesus really looks like in the context of everyday life. We have utilised our location right on the high street and we are exploring what it looks like to be missional in today's world, and beyond

parochial boundaries and concerns. We are part of the Avonside Mission Area, just a seven-minute drive from Trinity. Our worship at 10.30am is fairly traditional, we robe and sing hymns; our earlier family service at 8:30am is more relaxed and informal, and we share breakfast together. If you are willing to be challenged, then do come and see for yourself.

I would describe myself as a pastor whose leadership style is one of empowering others to develop their gifts and calling, and to grow in confidence in their own leadership styles. I am an encourager, and one who is concerned with wholeness, who can also speak truth into difficult situations when the need arises. This verse probably best describes my approach to ministry: 'work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people' (Colossians 3:23). Whilst this is not always easy, ministry is such a privilege and one that I try not to take for granted.

St Chad's Patchway

Supervisor:
Howard Jameson

St Chad's is an Anglican/Methodist LEP with a big heart and a great family set in the Priority Neighbourhood of Patchway on the northern tip of Bristol. We face many challenges in the wider community on issues such as employment, educational attainment and well-being and, on top of that, we have 2,200 new dwellings being built on our doorstep with a further 5,700 in the near future.

We are helping to address the former by being as involved in the community as we can be. For example, we have opened an outlet for the North Bristol Foodbank out of our church. We have also obtained funding from the national church to employ a full-time community worker and start to find a way to pioneer onto the expanding housing. Howard was appointed in 2012 to act as Vicar of Patchway, but the vicarage was moved onto the new build which has meant there is also a significant pioneer aspect to his ministry and we currently host two Curates. There is a huge range of opportunity here to explore culturally relevant mission and ministry.

King's Way Benefice: St Aidan's, St John's, and St Michael's, Fishponds.

www.staidansbristol.co.uk
www.stjohnsfishponds.com



Supervisors:

Jordan Ling / Mary Hotchkiss

This multi-parish benefice serves 27,000 people across 3 parishes. Students can be based at St John's Fishponds or across the benefice depending on their particular training hopes. We have all seen huge change in 2020, and this has meant we have 'mothballed' some areas of ministry and seen other areas grow. We currently have a growing all-age service which has remained online. In 2021 and beyond, we will work as a Benefice to consider what shape our services take post-Covid to enable our growing families' ministry to flourish. This will be an interesting strategic piece of ministry where students will have the opportunity to reflect and be involved in delivering significant change in the shaping of the benefice going forward.

Worship styles across the 3 churches vary from very traditional to a monthly contemporary evening service. The pattern of our worship will again be under review as we emerge in 2021. At the beginning of 2020, we had implemented a long-term plan for evangelistic mission, including Alpha, which was hard hit by lockdown so this is also an area we are revisiting to relaunch. Part of this was to reimagine one of our 3 messy church congregations to develop into a stand-alone all-age contemporary service shifting the way we worship at St Johns into serving traditional and contemporary in different services. A placement here will offer opportunity to be at the forefront of transition and change with the joy of seeing God at work in a challenging Urban Priority Area environment.

Our congregations have been very welcoming of students over the years and are encouraging and willing to try new things, which has enabled many students to explore ministry in a less familiar setting with confidence. Our leadership team has been a great fellowship for students to hook into and learn from all ages and experiences in ministry. As supervisors we aim to work with our students in an open and affirming model where questions about all areas of ministry are welcomed and the less shiny and more gritty aspects of ministry are honestly owned and discussed.

St Stephen's City Centre and Holy Trinity Hotwells

www.saint-stephens.com
www.holytrinityhotwells.org



Supervisor:

Lee Barnes

An opportunity to engage with two exciting urban contexts in the heart of the city of Bristol. The churches of Saint Stephen's City Centre and Holy Trinity Hotwells are making connections with the city through the arts, music, social and business communities. This context is for those who want to be part of a missional journey and a team including lay leadership and clergy, who feel excited by the opportunity to pioneer new ministry, engage with city culture, and grow in their learning and formation.



Supervisor:
Jon Roberts

St Stephens is at the heart of the community of Southmead, a large estate 3 miles from college, and in the country's 10% most deprived parishes. It's an exciting area for mission. The church has been on a journey of renewal over previous years and is now younger, more vibrant and creative than before. We're very much a family, have fun together, and enjoy a range of services. Ministry opportunities include: preaching & leading worship services, planning and leading small groups, helping with Make Lunch (or food parcels), learning about a large community redevelopment, a new eco-church project and generally helping a small, mission-hearted church community through a pandemic! Jon arrived in late Nov 2019, loves it here, and is excited about growing the Kingdom of God in Southmead.



Supervisors:
Clive Jennings / Russell Herbert

Need to break out of the city and experience a unique context? Explore mission and ministry with us by the seaside on the outskirts of

Bristol. It involves a bit of travelling yet the community of Christchurch Clevedon is worth the drive and provides the opportunity to experience a unique context that celebrates the vibrancy of a Methodist and Anglican Church birthed as one worshipping community. We can offer opportunities to explore ministry alongside a team that serve beyond the walls of the building with schools, families, older people and an exciting newly shaped missional outreach in the area of mental health. We are open to exploring all that the Holy Spirit is doing in us and through us in order to reach the 17,000 people in our community and beyond.



Supervisors:
Toby Flint / Matt Southcombe

St Nicholas Church lies on the corner of Baldwin Street and High Street and opened its doors to a new congregation in September 2018. As a resourcing church, its focus will be to serve the wider city, by reaching out to people currently unconnected to the church and by assisting future church plants. With 60 per cent of people in the city centre aged between 15 and 29, the new church's particular focus will be on younger generations. The team at St Nicholas is led by Toby Flint, who was previously Lead Pastor at Holy Trinity Brompton in London.



Supervisor:
Jacqui Kean

In the heart of the buzzing Southville area and within spitting distance of the centre of Bristol, St Paul's is a laid-back family church in an urban context. Over the last 10 years St Paul's has tripled in size. Now that the congregation is around 90, it has attracted more young families and has youth and children's groups, with new people joining us during the recent lockdowns and restrictions. The congregation is increasingly exploring charismatic traditions. St Paul's is committed to mission and is up for experimenting with new ideas, both in evangelism and in the Sunday services. The start of the BS3 Community Larder (Foodbank), ministry to the local women's hostel, and youth ministry are significant areas of local mission. We aim to have fun and share Jesus with as many people as possible. We run Alpha regularly, go on holiday together, and encourage creativity.

St Edyth's Sea Mills

Supervisor:
John Monaghan

John is married to Alice (also ordained!) and they have three young(ish) children. Originally from Dublin, he is a former physiotherapist and passionate about holistic health (and triathlon!). He loves to lead worship on guitar, share his faith with others, and sit down for 1:1 discipleship in the local cafes. John's family joined St Edyth's in 2017 in the residential suburb parish of Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle. It's a mixture of private and council housing about a mile north of Trinity College. Also in 2017, St Edyth's joined the Avonside Mission Area Partnership with four other neighbouring Anglican churches. The purpose is to work on a co-ordinated approach to mission across the mission area. St Edyth's is an informal, evangelical church with a heart for seeing God's kingdom transform the lives of those in our community. We're still trying to figure out what sort of a church God wants us to be as we all roll up our sleeves, get stuck in, and ask 'how can we bring Jesus' hope here?'

**St Andrew's Avonmouth and
St Peter's Lawrence Weston**

Supervisor:
Andy Murray

Andy has a passion for developing a culture of sacrificial discipleship, prayer, mission and evangelism. Students will have the opportunity to play an active part in nurturing and encouraging the churches as they seek to reconnect with younger generations in their local communities. There are fantastic opportunities to build on existing church ministries such as Messy Church, Community Cinema, and the growing work of the Foodbank Social Justice Hub and newly built community woodworking workshop in Avonmouth.

CHAPLAINCY

In the first year, all students do a short community placement to reflect on how the church can engage with wider society. Many students choose to do this placement in chaplaincy settings, and we have good links with local prisons, schools, hospitals and universities.

In the second and third year, students feeling particularly called to chaplaincy have an opportunity to be involved in a chaplaincy placement throughout the year. One such opportunity is a chaplaincy cadet placement with the Bristol Officer Training Corp (OTC).

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS

We see a real value in learning in a context environment, even if you are not training for ordination to the Church of England, therefore we offer a range of Free Church placements for independent students. If you are interested in discussing these options further, please speak to the practical training administrator.

PRACTICAL TRAINING AT TRINITY

Once students have accepted the offer of a place at Trinity, they will liaise with the tutor for practical training, and the administrator for practical training to find the best context for them to grow and develop.

Students meet monthly in groups with their supervisor and their college tutor, so that academic learning and practical experience are consistently integrated throughout their studies. Many of the modules are designed to give academic credit for work done in context, and so the placements are integral to learning and formation.

Alongside the primary church contexts, ordinands also do a four-week summer placement in a church of a different tradition in order to further broaden their experiences and reflect on the similarities and differences between their training contexts.

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