

Pastoral Committee report October 2020

The pastoral committee have responsibility for the care of churches across the Synod: helping ministers, leaders, elders, and members to work together for the care, life and mission of the local church.

Pandemic

We know that the churches of the Synod have responded to the Covid-19 outbreak in whatever ways have been appropriate for the size, age-range, and location of their congregations. The documents and resources produced by the denomination and available here <https://urc.org.uk/coronavirus.html> have been well received as a support for churches during lockdown and now during a time of some 'emerging'.

We are aware that the struggle with the coronavirus has revealed in sharp focus some of the difficulties churches may already have been experiencing. The Pastoral Committee are doing their best to support those churches most in need of help. Churches should contact their Synod Pastoral Adviser in the first instance if life is hard – they will help in whatever way they can.

Ordination

Aiyana Gardner-Houghton was ordained on Seaton beach on July 15th and inducted to the post of Synod Rural Missioner and minister of Heavitree and Pinhoe.

Induction

The Revd Neil Thorogood was inducted to Trinity Henleaze and Thornbury on September 19th.

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