

# Discipleship & Ministry

*Events and courses from Southwark Diocese*

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Spring 2022

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**Hearts  
on Fire**

The Diocese of Southwark

Loving God  
Walking with Jesus  
Led by the Spirit

Luke 24:13-35



The Diocese of  
**Southwark**

*Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still; teach the righteous and they will gain in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

*Proverbs 9:9-10*



Snowdrops at Wychcroft, the Southwark Diocese Retreat Centre, photographed in 2020 by Richard Ellis.

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*Welcome!*

This is the Discipleship and Ministry brochure for the first few months of 2022.

The events and courses on these pages are mostly available to everyone, lay or ordained. You are sure to find something here which will deepen your discipleship or enrich your ministry. Booking for all of them is now open.

You may particularly like our new series of Ground Floor Guides. Each one is a short, sharp hour's worth of basic discovery about something you may have heard of and want to find out more about.

But there is plenty here as well for people who climbed the stairs from the ground floor some time ago – events to engage your thinking about preaching, prayer or the environment.

Every month, new events are being added to the schedule. For the latest news, join the mailing list to receive Discipleship News, our monthly e-mail with prayers, events, news and entertainment. E-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org) with the words "Subscribe to Discipleship News" in the subject line.

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Sat  
15 Jan

## Vocations forum

*Southwark Cathedral and Trinity House*

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A vocations forum is an opportunity to reflect, pray and discuss with others what type of ministry God might be calling you into.

Every Christian is called by God to serve him. For some people this means working out what it means to be a follower of Jesus in a family, a workplace, in retirement or in sport or leisure. But for others it might be a call to exercise some form of recognised ministry in the Church, whether lay or ordained.

Attending a vocations forum is the first step to entering a process of discernment about where God may lead you. You need your incumbent or chaplain to sponsor you to attend.

*Saturday 15 January, 9.00am-4.00pm, Southwark Cathedral and Trinity House, free.*

There will be further vocations forums on 26 March and throughout 2022. Please ask your incumbent to book your place by e-mailing [sue.stewart@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:sue.stewart@southwark.anglican.org)

Thur  
20 Jan

## An introduction to Eco Church

*Zoom*

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Prayer, community and buildings – an introduction to the A Rocha Eco Church Award. The Eco Church scheme leads you through a series of questionnaires, allowing you to examine where care of creation features in your worship and teaching, management of church buildings, community and global engagement, and lifestyle.



Jack Edwards, the Diocesan Environmental Officer, will lead this opportunity to meet churches in Southwark Diocese which have already been given an award for their efforts. The Diocese aims for carbon net zero by 2035, so this is the moment to start a conversation about what that will look like in your community.

*Thursday 20 January, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [jpicaadmin@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:jpicaadmin@southwark.anglican.org)*

Thur  
20 Jan

## Pioneer mission mentoring

Zoom

A gathering for all who have a pioneering ministry in Southwark Diocese. Tim Lea, who is the Networks Facilitator and Animator for Fresh Expressions, is the speaker and will lead a discussion about mentoring for those in pioneer mission.

*Thursday 20 January, 11.15am-12.45pm, Zoom, free. To find out more, e-mail [david.cundill@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:david.cundill@southwark.anglican.org)*



Tue  
1 Feb

## Ground Floor Guide to the Reformation

Zoom

A Ground Floor Guide is a short, sharp hour which introduces a subject that every churchgoer has heard of, and most people feel they want to know a bit more about. It doesn't require any previous knowledge, and it will give you just enough information to make you eager to find out more.

The first of this year's Ground Floor Guides is about the Reformation — the transformative movement within Western Christianity in the 16th century that changed the religious and political landscape. It was out of the Reformation that the Church of England was born. It is led by the Revd Dr Raewynne Whiteley, who is Deputy Director of Discipleship and Lay Ministry.

*Tuesday 1 February, 8.00-9.00pm, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)*



Mon  
7 Feb

## The gospel according to William

Zoom

A journey through the life and work of William Shakespeare, who lived, acted and wrote in the streets around Southwark Cathedral. It looks at key speeches from the plays and traces their ideas back to the Bible. Can the drama of the



world's greatest writer enrich your understanding of what it means to be alive, serving God in this brave new world? Peter Graystone is the Lay Training Officer for Southwark Diocese, and author of *All's Well That Ends Well: From Dust to Resurrection – 40 Days with Shakespeare*.

Monday 7 February, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

Wed  
9 Feb

## A fresh look at ministry among older people

Zoom

The population is ageing, and that's reflected in our congregations. They often have a higher proportion of older people than the rest of society. Does your church have a strategy in place for ministry amongst older people? Does it need refreshing post COVID-19? How can we respond to the opportunities and privilege of having a growing number of older people in our church and community?

This SAGE (Southwark and Ageing) webinar will be led by Tina English, who is director of the charity Embracing Age. It will help churches plan strategically for their ministry amongst seniors.

Wednesday 9 February, 10.30am-12.00noon, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)



15 Feb  
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## The Church of England Carbon Literacy Course

Zoom

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This three-part course is specially tailored for the Church of England by the National Environment team and the Carbon Literacy Project. Led by Jack Edwards, Diocesan Environment Officer, it is a chance to learn the science of climate change and how we can respond as people of faith. The three sessions stand alone but the greatest benefit comes from attending all three:

Session 1: Why we are here – the theology and science of creation care

Session 2: Our personal and collective carbon footprints – our individual footprints and the Church of England's footprint

Session 3: Taking it wider – how climate change is already affecting us and how we can communicate that.

*Tuesdays 15 and 22 February, and 1 March, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free. E-mail [jpicaadmin@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:jpicaadmin@southwark.anglican.org). You are booking for all three sessions.*

Wed  
23 Feb

## Working effectively with volunteers

Zoom

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Nelly Misenga, the Development Officer of Together Southwark, will lead an interactive, energising session covering volunteer recruitment, induction, motivation and retention, policies and procedures.

*Wednesday 23 February, 10.30am-12noon, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [jpicaadmin@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:jpicaadmin@southwark.anglican.org)*

Thur  
24 Feb

## Preaching hope for Lent and Good Friday

Zoom

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An opportunity to look at the lectionary passages that will feature during Lent and on Good Friday this year, focusing on how we can approach this season in a struggling world. This collaborative workshop is led by the Revd Dr Raewynne Whiteley, Deputy Director of Discipleship and Lay Ministry, and is being offered twice so that as many preachers as possible, both lay and ordained, can attend.

*Thursday 24 February, 10.00am-12.00noon, Zoom, free.*

*Thursday 24 February, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.*

To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org), stating whether you wish to attend the morning or evening session.

Mon  
28 Feb

## Praying with the Psalms

Zoom

This is the first of a new series of events focused on enriching our spirituality. The “Praying with...” series sometimes introduces a person from the 2,000 years of Christian history whose life of prayer has inspired others to open themselves to God. Sometimes it takes a part of the Bible and uses that as a way into prayer. Sometimes it looks at a prayerful movement from the past or present and explores the inspiration to be found there.

But always the emphasis is not just on learning, but on praying together in varied and enlivening ways. We will meet not just with a teacher, but with Father, Son and Spirit, in contemplation, intercession and worship.

For the first of the series, Peter Graystone, the Diocesan Lay Training Officer, will help us pray with the psalms. There will be praise, lament, relaxed contentment and honest anger.

*Monday 28 February, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)*

Mon  
7 Mar

## Ground Floor Guide to Revelation

Zoom

This is the second of this year’s Ground Floor Guides – hour-long basic introductions to people, places and parts of the Bible. This one is about the Book of Revelation, the last and most intriguing book of the Bible.

Peter Graystone, the Diocesan Lay Training Officer, will introduce the book and the characters we encounter there. He will examine some of the ways in which, over the years, theologians have sought its meaning. The style of writing of Revelation is called apocalyptic and was once familiar but now seems mysterious. It was usually composed during times of suffering and always pointed to hope. So this is a book for our times.



*Monday 7 March, 8.00-9.00pm, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)*



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15 Mar

## Praying with Julian of Norwich

Zoom

In the late 14th century a devout woman, living in isolation, survived a life-threatening illness and wrote a book called *Revelations of Divine Love*. It has never been out of print and has inspired every succeeding generation of Christians into prayer, into meditation and into silence. Her name is Julian of Norwich.

This evening event will bring you some information about Julian's life and work, but the focus will be on prayer and contemplation. It will be led online by the Revd Cynthia Jackson and Charlotte Ennis, of the Wimbledon Julian Meeting. This will be an encouraging and enlightening event, and "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."



Tuesday 15 March, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

Tue  
22 Mar

## Diversity training

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A programme to help individuals, churches and communities address issues of unconscious bias which arise in diverse communities. The training is important for all in positions of leadership, both lay and ordained. This includes clergy, Readers, Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries (SPAs), Pioneers, leaders of children's and young people's groups, and PCC members. It is led by the Venerable Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Archdeacon of Croydon, and the Revd Canon Wendy Robins, Director of Discipleship, Lay Ministry and Continuing Ministerial Education.

Tuesday 22 March, 10.00am-12.30pm, Trinity House, free.

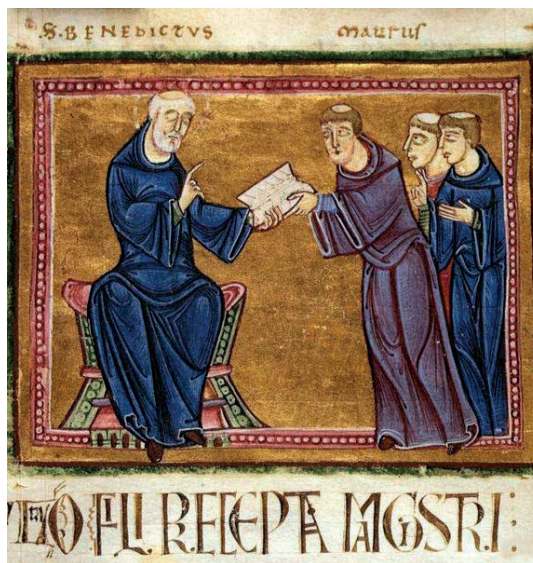
This event will be repeated later in 2022 (see page 13). To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

Wed  
23 Mar

## Ground Floor Guide to St Benedict

Zoom

A short introduction to the life and enduring influence of St Benedict. Benedict of Nursia lived in the sixth century and founded monasteries in Italy. The Rule of Saint Benedict instructed monks how to live, work and pray in Christian community, and is one of the most influential Christian texts of all time. Pope Benedict XVI, who took his name, described him as the man who helped Europe “escape from the dark night of history” that followed the collapse of the Roman Empire. There is an immense amount that Christians today can learn from him.



The session is led by the Revd Jeremy Clark-King who, as IME2 lead, helps Southwark Diocese curates grow in their ministries.

Wednesday 23 March, 8.00-9.00pm, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

Sat  
26 Mar

## Vocations forum

Southwark Cathedral and Trinity House

This event offers another opportunity to explore any sense of God’s calling to a lay or ordained ministry that you might be experiencing. For more details, see page 4. If you have any questions, please contact the Revd Raymond Baudon, who is the Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands, at [raymond.baudon@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:raymond.baudon@southwark.anglican.org)

Saturday 23 March, 9.00am-4.00pm, Southwark Cathedral and Trinity House, free.

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Mon  
28 Mar

## The Christian art of Edward Burne-Jones

Zoom

He trained as a priest, he revived the neglected tradition of stained glass, he was knighted for his services to the arts, and he painted some of the most sublime religious pictures of the 19th century. Sir Edward Burne-Jones has long fascinated the Revd Jeremy Groombridge, who is the assistant priest at All Saints Church, Sanderstead.



Jeremy will reflect on insights into God from Burne-Jones' Pre-Raphaelite art, showing us many of his works, including *The Days of Creation* and *The Star of Bethlehem*. And *The Morning of the Resurrection* will allow us at this mid-point of Lent to look towards Holy Week and Easter.

Monday 28 March, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

Tue  
29 Mar

## And it was very good: preaching and the environment

Zoom

The Revd Dr Raewynne Whiteley, who is the Deputy Director of Discipleship and Lay Ministry, leads a workshop to help us think about how issues of climate crisis, pollution and the integrity of creation can and must increasingly inform the way we preach the Christian good news. This session is being offered twice so that as many preachers as possible, both lay and ordained, can attend.

Tuesday 29 March, 10.00am-12.00noon, Zoom, free.  
Tuesday 29 March, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org), stating whether you wish to attend the morning or evening session.



Sat  
2 Apr

## Three cheers for the SPAs of the Diocese

*Trinity House*

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A summit for all Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries (SPAs) in which to reflect, share and pray. The first cheer: a vote of thanks to SPAs for all they have done during two years in which so much has happened and changed. The second cheer: an opportunity to look back and look forward, so that shared experience can inform how SPA ministries grow as a result of what we have learnt. The third cheer: a chance to contribute to plans for the courses, workshops and other ways of developing that will make SPA ministry ready for the coming months and years.

*Saturday 2 April, 10.00am-1.00pm, Trinity House, free. To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)*



Mon  
4 Apr

## Ground Floor Guide to Proverbs

*Zoom*

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An introduction to the wisest, most practical and funniest book of the Bible. In one brief hour there will be an opportunity to explore the maxims, jokes and riddles of Israel's wise men and women a thousand years before Jesus. Together we will work out how to make them mean something life-enhancing for 21st-century life. The Proverbs were written to make sure you don't end up with an admirable spiritual life but lonely, callous, addicted or, worst of all, skint. Peter Graystone, the Diocesan Lay Training Officer, is your guide during this entertaining and practical session.

*Monday 4 April, 8.00-9.00pm, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)*

Tue  
5 Apr

## Challenging funerals

Zoom



Funerals of a child, someone who has met a violent death, or someone who has taken their own life are exceptionally challenging. They require particular skills and sensitivities. This session is for clergy and Readers who take funerals, and will also be appropriate for Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries (SPAs) and those who offer pastoral support to bereaved families. The Revd Hilary Fife, who was until recently the Senior Chaplain of Croydon Health Services NHS Trust, will share her experience and lead a discussion about the most helpful way to approach such sad circumstances.

*Tuesday 5 April, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free. To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)*

## Looking ahead in 2022

Some dates for your diary, with more information and booking details to follow.

### **Messy celebration: Southwark science**

*Saturday 14 May, 2.00-4.00pm, Southwark Cathedral, free*

Activities for all ages, including science experiments and challenges, culminating in a time of worship and celebration.

### **Diversity training**

*Saturday 18 June, 10.00am-12.30pm, Trinity House, free*

Addressing issues of discrimination which arise in diverse communities.



1-3  
Sept

## Southwark Diocesan Conference 2022

Bacon's College, Rotherhithe or Zoom

*Christ-centred, outward-focused.*

This conference is a tremendously significant event in the life of Southwark Diocese. It will be held both in person in Rotherhithe and online in homes throughout the Diocese.

This is an opportunity to reflect on how, as churches and individuals, we can be Christ-centred and outward-focused through mission, community and the arts. The dates are Thursday 1 - Saturday 3 September. The locations are Bacon's College, Rotherhithe or from your own home on Zoom. The event is free.



Speakers confirmed so far include:



### Francis Spufford

Francis is the author of *Unapologetic: Why, Despite Everything, Christianity Can Still Make Surprising Emotional Sense*. *Golden Hill* won the 2016 Costa First Novel Award, and *Light Perpetual* was longlisted for the 2021 Booker prize.



### Adjoa Andoh

Star of the hit Netflix series *Bridgerton*, Adjoa has also appeared in 90 episodes of *Casualty*. In recent years she has appeared with the Royal Shakespeare Company and as Richard II at the Globe Theatre. She is a Reader in the Diocese.



### Mark Greene

Mark is the Mission Champion for the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity, having been its Executive Director for 20 years. He is the author of *Thank God It's Monday* and *Fruitfulness on the Frontline*.



### Carrie Myers

As Lay Ministries Officer for the Church of England, Carrie's role is to renew and encourage all forms of lay ministry in the National Church. She is a Reader in the Diocese.

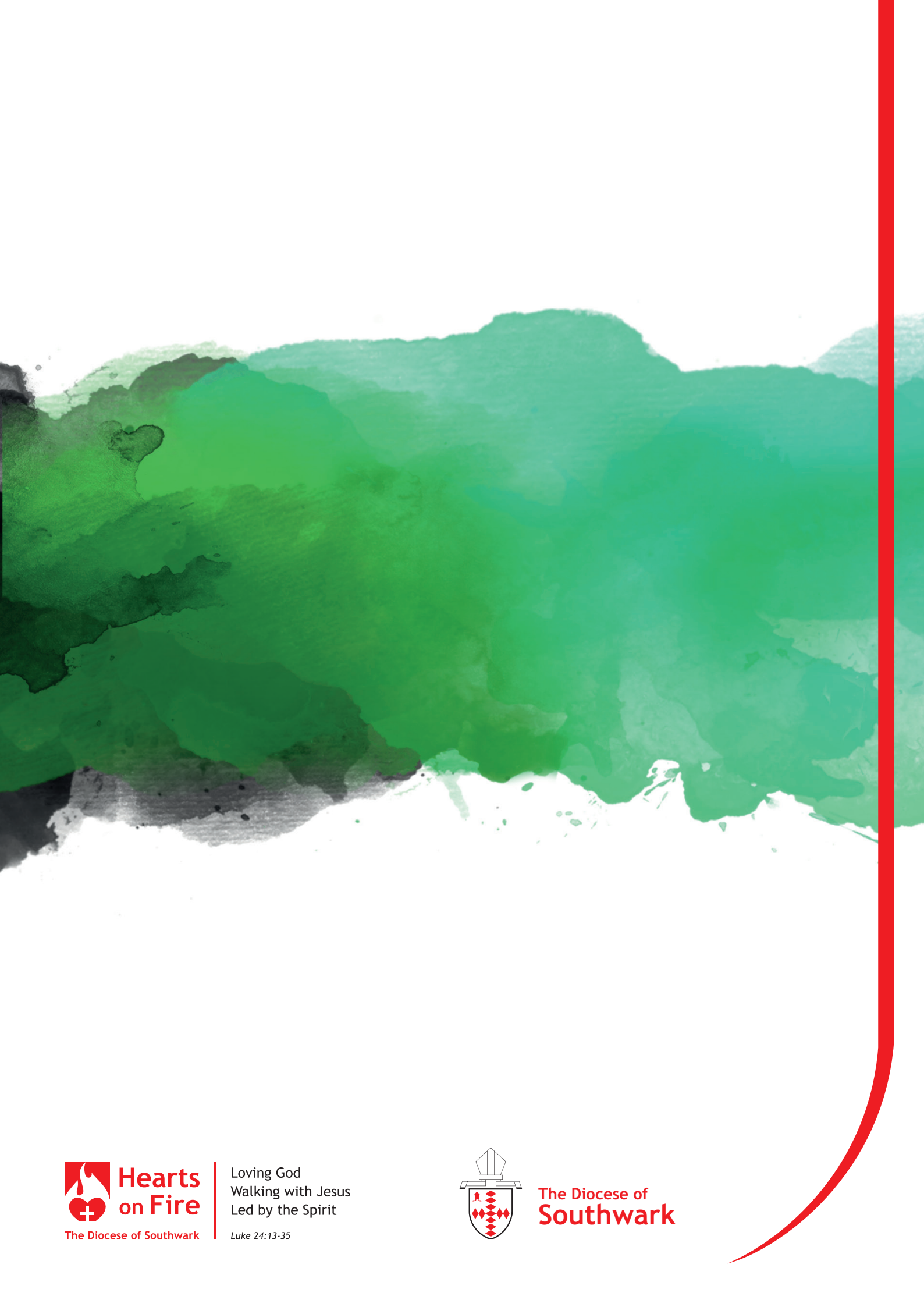


### The Revd Azariah France-Williams

The Revd France-Williams is Priest-in-Charge of Ascension Church Hulme, Manchester. He has ministered on socially deprived estates and in suburban areas. He is the author of *Ghost Ship*, examining racism in the Church of England.



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