

# DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT 2015

As we rejoice in the Commissioning of another large group of Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, we also thank God for the service of all those who, in these more difficult times, bring others the opportunity to receive Our Lord in the absence of the priest, for whatever reason.

We were happy that Bishop Patrick was able to be with us for this annual celebration and Commissioning and to see the enthusiasm we have for our ministry. His homily inspired all who question their worthiness to be Ministers and that includes those of us who have ministered for years! Thank you, Bishop Patrick.

The training and formation of Ministers has changed somewhat over the years but the dedication of the different Teams has not. The Weekends at Crich continue and are times of prayer, reflection, fun, communication and, most of all discernment as to what the prospective ministers think God wants of them.

Those who met Paul Smith at Crich, will be pleased to know that he is now in his second year at The Beda College and very happy to be following his Lord's call. He always asks for our prayers and remembers us in his.

The Commission has changed also. We have new members in the Derbyshire and Leicestershire Secretariats and we are always pleased to welcome new members as they bring renewed life, inspiration and ideas to the Commission.

Believing as we do, that Renewal days should be a time of prayer and inspiration, for all Ministers, the Commission realises that much work and preparation needs to go into the organisation of these days. But, as we are on the organising side, we too need time to reflect and renew. As a result we try to have a Retreat day each year. This year we went to The Rosmini Centre. Here we had time to be quiet, pray, reflect and listen to God. For when we think about it, the word 'Listen' is an anagram of 'Silent'!

The morning reflection was on Ignatian imaginative prayer. For our meditation we reflected and pondered on the Call and Commissioning of the Twelve Apostles, from St. Mark, Chapter 6 and associated ourselves with the Twelve. This reflection was followed by plenty of free, silent time before Fr. Michael Eastwood joined us to say Mass.

After a shared lunch, we had another reflection on Growth and Development in Prayer using the words spoken by Mary in the Gospels. After this we had still more time for silence and quiet before Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

Another year has passed. We have many new Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and some of our fellow ministers have gone to their reward. May we all rejoice in the special Vocation to which we are called by God.

Celia Bermingham

(Secretary to the Commission)

## COUNTY REPORTS

### Derbyshire

A very big thank you to all Derbyshire Extraordinary Ministers for their faithfulness to the Renewal Days. The days held at Our Lady of Lourdes Mickleover and St Anne's Buxton in 2015 were very well attended, inspiring and thought provoking.

Father John Daley led our renewal days and celebrated a very prayerful Mass. His memory is awesome and we all came away from the morning session fascinated by the role numbers played in the Old Testament writings and their relevance today. After our slightly longer lunch hour Father John gave us another stimulating talk and the day ended with Holy Hour led by Father John with lovely music composed and played by Alison. Father Michael was only able to join us at Derby but his words of support were an apt end for that day.

Bryn Kelly, our Treasurer and Peak representative, stood down this year. We thank him for his work on our behalf keeping Derbyshire's finances strong. Bernadette - a brave soul will now take care of our finances and Dr John Cassidy has kindly agreed to be the new representative for Peak.

Our thanks go to all those Derbyshire Extraordinary Ministers and parishioners at Buxton and Mickleover who helped to make the Renewal Days special and thank you to Father Dennis and Father Paul for their help and support. We must also thank the dedicated parish contacts who circulate all the Diocesan and county information to their parish Extraordinary Ministers.

May I offer a gentle reminder that Bernadette and I will soon be stepping down from our respective roles. We will provide detailed information, help and support for those who are willing to replace us. As yet, we have not had any offers.

In 2016 Sister Teresa Kennedy PVBM will lead us at Our Lady of Lourdes Mickleover on 12<sup>th</sup> March, and May 7<sup>th</sup> at St Anne's Buxton. Please make a note of these dates in your diaries; I know they will be days to remember.

Julie Corden

### Lincolnshire

As is our custom in Lincolnshire, 2015 saw us offering three Renewal days, beginning in Lent with our visit to Corpus Christi Cleethorpes on the 14<sup>th</sup> March. Father James Earley celebrated Mass and welcomed us to a parish which has hosted us before. Father James as always made us welcome and spoke to us directly during his homily. We are again very grateful to him and the way he works to enable us to gather for renewal whenever we are in the Grimsby Deanery, and we thank Sr. Anne Helen for all of her help in the preparation of the day at Cleethorpes. Following Mass Deacon John Wilford spoke to us very appropriately on the growth and understanding of the Feast of Corpus Christi within the Church and of how, long before the Norman Conquest, Guilds of lay men and women were set up to help promote Adoration and to encourage lay people to '*receive with the eyes*'. His talk compared the growing awareness and understanding of the Real Presence with the growth of the Feast of Corpus Christi and how the role of the Corpus Christi Guilds compares with the work of Extraordinary Ministers today.

After Easter we held two further Renewal days at Our Lady of Lincoln on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April and then on 25<sup>th</sup> April for the first time at St Mary Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Boston. Both days began with a Celebration of Holy Mass – Canon Colin Taylor our celebrant at Lincoln and Father Alex Adkins at Boston. Again we owe a debt of gratitude to the parishes that welcomed us and to the work of those who prepared and planned for the days in advance, and to the parish priests who make us so very welcome. Following Mass Sister Eileen Keane spoke to us about the Year of Consecrated Life and the emphasis on *gratitude for the past, to live the present with passion and to embrace the future with*

*hope.* We paused during her presentation for discussion on the roles that the Religious have often taken within parish life and how many of these roles will become essential areas for ministry amongst the laity both now and in the future.

All three renewal days concluded with a Holy Hour, and we were fortunate to welcome Father Michael Eastwood to two of our renewal days. On these occasions a lively question and answer session was held prior to this. Father Michael continues to support us all in our ministry and to emphasise to all of us his availability whenever we need to contact him for guidance and encouragement. We are very grateful for his continuing support and his attendance at our County days.

At all three Renewal days, during the business meeting, the need for folk to step forward to serve on the County Secretariat was emphasised, and for those who think their parish may be able to host a future renewal day to discuss this with their parish priest. Parishes need to be able to afford a big enough space for those attending and be able to provide parking on site or within a short distance of the church/hall/school which is being offered.

Our Renewal Days 2016 will have as their theme ***The Year of Mercy*** and we look forward to welcoming you to one of the days at: (Invitation letters to follow)

St John Fisher Grimsby on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Sleaford on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln 21<sup>st</sup> May.

Ethne Dawson

## **Leicestershire and Rutland**

Two renewal days were again held in 2015 with an increased attendance of nearly 10% compared to 2014 so well done and thanks to all who supported these days.

Our first renewal day was held at Saint Mary's, Loughborough on 16th May and was led by Fr Philip Sainter whilst the second was a return visit to Saint Joseph's, Leicester on 30th May led Fr John Daley. Clearly a lot of hard work and preparation had gone in to both days and we were blessed by the inspirational words of both Fr Philip and Fr John and the wonderful welcome from the both communities.

Fr Philip chose to speak about the work of the Holy Spirit and how we need to allow ourselves to become aglow with the Holy Spirit so that we can change lives through our ministries. He re-iterated the invitation of Pope Francis to have a renewed personal encounter with Jesus and then challenged us each to ask ourselves how well disposed we are to this invitation. During his various talks Fr Philip encouraged us to open ourselves to God in the scriptures in a new way, imagining ourselves to be there seeing and sensing the scripture stories not just reading them as words on a page. He even introduced us to some Theology to help describe how God works, in particular the word "Theosis" meaning allowing God to transform our being by God's grace. What was most memorable was when Fr Philip surprised us by doing a live cooking demonstration to illustrate the points he was making. It certainly made us sit up and listen as well as laugh! and the cake was nice too!. Summing up, Fr Philip reminded us that whilst we may feel unworthy in our ministries Our Lord will use the least likely people to achieve His purpose. If we allow ourselves to be "marinated" in the Holy Spirit then people we meet through our ministries will see the presence of Our Lord in us and this is the way we can evangelise...

Fr John's talks were also a treat - yet again he demonstrated his great ability to explain complex matters simply and like Fr Philip also challenged us to ask ourselves some tough questions. The tough question from Fr John was "Where do we stand on welcoming people back in to the Church?" This question was posed after Fr John had reflected on the importance of the Synod on the Family

which at that time was still in preparation. Through real life stories Fr John took us on a journey where we encountered the lives of people who had felt rejected at some point in their spiritual life and how ripples of rejection affecting others had also developed from such situations. His underlying message was the importance of recognising that law must follow the Holy Spirit and whilst some of the issues being discussed by the Synod may be challenging, it is the Truth we should aim to win not an argument. This profound statement also struck us as a basis on which to live our ministries. Finally Fr John reminded us that we are in the front line of our Parishes through our ministries which is why the question about where we stand on welcoming people back is such an important one for us. Whilst this responsibility may feel daunting he equipped us with a new sensitivity to the work of the Holy Spirit in helping us each answer the question for ourselves...

After our appeal in the last newsletter for help we are really grateful to Ted Keller from the Sacred Heart Parish, Leicester for coming forward and agreeing to join the team.

In 2016 there will be two Renewal Days, The first Renewal Day will be at held at The Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake on 9th April, 2016(numbers for this venue will be limited) and the second will be held at Saint Joseph's, Leicester on 30th April, 2016. Please note these dates for your diary. Full information and forms will be distributed early in 2016.

Anthony Baxendale and Mary Hunt

## **Nottinghamshire**

This year we held two Renewal Days, the first being on the 28 March at Our Lady and St. Thomas of Hereford in Ilkeston, the second being on the 18 April at Holy Trinity, Newark. On both occasions the attendance was excellent

For our day at Ilkeston the parish priest Father Peter Harvey was unfortunately rather poorly and so could not celebrate Holy Mass with us. However the loan of the church was still made available together with all the necessary facilities. Father Robbie O'Callaghan stepped in to celebrate mass which was much appreciated and very prayerful.

Our day at Newark was excellent as usual with Holy Mass being celebrated by the parish priest Father Michael O'Donoghue.

Our afternoon sessions were given by Father Andrew Cole and Father Robbie O'Callaghan. The ministers were divided into two groups to hear talks given by Father Andrew on the theme of "A variety of Gifts" the other being given by Father Robbie on the theme of "The Real Presence". The groups then changed over

Both talks were very in formative and thought provoking. A really huge thanks to both Father Andrew and Father Robbie.

Our day concluded with Benediction given by Farther Robbie after which we all made our way home.

Once again thanks go to Father Andrew and Father Robbie for a brilliant day, also all those at Ilkeston and Newark for providing great venues and facilities.

Next year our Renewal Day will be led by Bishop Patrick. Just one day to be held at the Becket school on 7<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Alan Simmons

## COUNTY RENEWAL DAYS 2016

As you are aware one of the conditions of your commissioning is that you attend a Renewal Day each year. If you are one of the few who have not managed to attend recently please make a special effort to attend one this year.

Each county will be holding their County Renewal Days as detailed below: -

<i>County</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
Nottinghamshire	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	The Becket School – West Bridgeford Note that there is only one Renewal Day this year and Bishop Patrick will be in attendance.
Derbyshire	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Our Lady of Lourdes - Mickleover
	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	St Anne - Buxton
Leicestershire	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Rosmini Centre - Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake
	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	St Joseph - Leicester
Lincolnshire	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	St John Fisher Church and Parish Centre - Grimsby
	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2016	Our Lady of Good Counsel - Sleaford
	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2016	Our Lady of Lincoln - Lincoln

An invitation and further details will be sent nearer the time. There will be elections at some of the Renewal Days. Your County Secretariat will advise you of these. If you are unable to attend your own county day then why not attend the day of another county?

### POINTS OF CONTACT

If you have any queries, comments, suggestions or notifications of deceased Ministers please contact one of the people listed below: -

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A full list of the Secretariat members is given in the yearbook and on the Diocesan website at [http://www.grasshopper-hosting.co.uk/Diocese/04\\_Liturgy+Euch/euch\\_ministers.htm](http://www.grasshopper-hosting.co.uk/Diocese/04_Liturgy+Euch/euch_ministers.htm).

# THE COMMISSION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the Nottingham Diocese the Extraordinary Ministers operate under the umbrella of the Commission for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The Commission was formed to facilitate two main activities: -

- The Formation Weekends
- The Renewal Days

However the roll has expanded with time and now includes: -

- Keeping a register of Extraordinary Ministers
- Aftercare
- Newsletter
- Book of Remembrance
- EM part of the Diocesan Web Site

Membership of the commission comprises: -

- President the Bishop
- Chairman (Fr. Eastwood)
- Vice Chairman (Fr Ziomek)

These two positions are appointed by the Bishop.

There are four executive officers who are appointed by the chairman.

- Secretary,
- Treasurer,
- Director of Training
- Director of Aftercare.

Then there are a number of members who are elected by the Ministers. Ideally there is one to represent each Deanery. These are arranged in groups to form a local organisation to represent each county area. These Groups are known as County Secretariats.

Each Deanery Representative is elected to serve for a period of four years. This is done on a rotating basis so that normally one representative is elected each year in each county.

The Commission meets three times a year, March, June, November/December and sub groups and County Secretariats meet as necessary.

Each County Secretariat works as a team to arrange the annual renewal days, keep a register of the Ministers in the county area and communicate with the local Ministers through a parish contact in each parish. Currently there are a number of vacancies in the Secretariats. Should you wish to join in this interesting and worthwhile work on behalf of your fellow Ministers please contact one of the current members (see point of contact above or the year book) for more information. The position does not involve very much of your time, just three meetings a year plus a small amount occasionally from home.

## REMINDER

Those who were commissioned in 2012 will need to have their faculty renewed by their parish priest if they wish to continue as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Once it has been renewed it is valid indefinitely.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

During the past year our bank account and those of the Counties has changed. In future whenever you wish to purchase anything from the Commission for Extraordinary Ministries, whether at Diocesan or County level, please make your cheque out to NRCDT.

The following items may be purchased: -

Item	Cost	Availability	Apply to
Scapulars	£12.00	In stock	Alan Simmons, 36 Holkham Avenue, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 5EQ
EM Handbook	£5.00	Limited stock	Searle Clark 75 Horsegate Deeping St James Peterborough PE6 8EW
Communion to the Sick Book	£3.00	In stock	
Celebration of Word and Communion by a Lay Person and an EM	£3.00	In stock	

## FORMATION

### News from the EM Formation and Training Team

As usual September to November were busy months for the Training team, this year training 90 New Ministers at The Briars, and Commissioning a similar number at the Cathedral. It was our first year with Bishop Patrick conducting the Commissioning Liturgy, and it was lovely to see him spend so much time with each of the people presented to him to be Commissioned. The weather was (for the second year running...) very wet in Nottingham, and so the usual photos in the Cathedral garden were taken at the foot of the Sanctuary steps inside the Cathedral.

We continue to tweak all aspects of the training programme. Each year I look at the timings of the various modules to ensure that we have the balance as optimal as we can get it. As a team we look at the individual content of the modules, ensuring that they are up to date with current situations, and in line with any changing Diocesan (or national) guidelines etc. The Formation weekend as a whole focuses on "*Being an Extraordinary Minister*", and we hope prepares the attendees both spiritually, and practically. The heart of the weekend remains the Spiritual input provided by Fr Eastwood and other visiting Priests of the Diocese, but in addition we continue to provide practical based input on the four key responsibilities of an Extraordinary Minister within our Diocese.

I will just update you on two areas where we have seen larger changes over the last couple of years just as examples of where we are seeking to keep the content useful and current to Course attendees.

Firstly, we are now making use of video as part of the talk on Celebration of Word and Holy Communion. Experienced Ministers will know that it is quite hard for us to really "demonstrate" that service, due partly to the fact that we have Mass each day of the weekend, but also the fact that what the Module Leader really wants to do is to stop and start the service to discuss the various sections, add contextual input and ultimately be able to really "commentate" on what is happening and when. We have switched this now to a module based on a video of a real CWAC service taking place in one of the churches within the Diocese. As well as the talk on the subject, we use the video in sections linked to the CWAC liturgy itself. This is helping us improve the blend of demonstration, example and commentary in a module which we know is one that is daunting to many trainee Ministers.

A second area of development has been in the setting up of an Exhibition at the very beginning of the weekend. Experienced Ministers will have seen over the years continual development of this area – giving trainee Ministers the opportunity to touch and hold the various things which are a daily part of our work with the Blessed Sacrament – largely through the “Tools of the Trade” talks. This has now been replaced with a full hands-on Exhibition space which is setup in the Garden Room at The Briars. Members of the Training Team are on hand to discuss and demonstrate all of the tools we use, but the principle aim is to allow the candidates to touch, hold, lift, open, and close all the items in a “safe” environment. The Exhibition also includes numerous photos taken from around the Diocese, of Ministers “in action” in their own Parish settings.

Thanks to all of you for your continued interest in the Training Programme, and thanks too for the many of you who carry on our work back in your own Parishes as new Ministers start to practise within their own surroundings. Please do continue to support those newly trained, especially during their early weeks and months to help them become more settled and confident.

Damian Norton  
Director of Formation and Training.

### **Message from the Briars Team**

*Over the years the The Briars Team have thoroughly enjoyed working with and training alongside the Extraordinary Ministers. While the large majority of our work is with the young people of our diocese it is always a nice change to meet so many adults who are so committed and active in their parish communities. The Teams are always left feeling inspired in their adult faith following each training weekend.*

*It is important for us to have the opportunity to thank you all for the generous donations you make year upon year to The Briars Team. This contribution has been invaluable to the Team’s faith formation over the years. Thanks to the money we received last year the teams were able to attend ‘Big Church Day Out’, a Christian music festival, giving them the opportunity to meet and worship with many other young Christians from around the world. It was an incredible experience for each of the volunteers and one that would not have been possible without your generosity. We wish you all the best in your future ministry and please remember we have an open Mass at 7:30pm each Saturday night that you would all be very welcome to. Check our website for any changes to Mass times.*

*The Briars Team*

## CELEBRATION OF WORD AND COMMUNION

In recent years the Celebration of Word and Communion has become more frequent and for those parishes without a Deacon this has thrown additional work load on the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

One of the concerns for many EMs is what to prepare for the reflection on the readings. It is to be expected that an individual minister will not wish to fund a resource. The Commission discussed this at the last meeting and came up with the following sources which you may find helpful: -

### Sources on the WEB

- Daily Reflection by Catholic Diocese of Wichita. <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/dailyreflections> .This site has the advantage of giving a whole month of reflections which helps with the early preparation for the service.
- Creighton University Online Ministries <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html> . This gives a month of reflections.
- Sacred Space <http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/> . Information is available for about one week ahead.
- The Dominican Friars – England & Scotland <http://torch.op.org/> . This is useful for Sundays and major feasts.
- Magnificat <http://www.magnificat.com/> . This is available via a subscription of about £40 per annum. For subscriptions in the UK, please contact Magnificat at the Catholic Herald at: [www.magnificat.co.uk](http://www.magnificat.co.uk). It is also useful for one's own personal prayer.

### Printed Sources

A number of books are available from the various catholic bookshops. However any printed matter will have to be purchased and over time will become out of date. This may not be economic if a CWAC is only being celebrated occasionally in the year. If it is celebrated regularly the parish may wish to invest in a suitable source for the EMs to use.

### Service Card for CWAC

The Commission have prepared a service card for members of the congregation to use at a Celebration of Word and Communion. It is similar in format to the Mass Card. This has been approved by the EM Commission and the Diocesan Liturgy Commission for use in the Diocese of Nottingham. It provides the responses both for when a Deacon or a Lay person is leading the service and includes the various texts for the Song of Thanksgiving.

The Deans were asked to discuss whether this was needed in the parishes at the Deanery Meetings this autumn. The overall response has indicated that there is not a requirement for this card. However you may feel differently. If so please discuss with your priest. If there is a requirement in your parish please let Searle Clark know Email [searle.clark@btinternet.com](mailto:searle.clark@btinternet.com) along with likely number of copies.

We are not prepared to print the cards unless there is sufficient demand as this affects the cost. The cost will be between 10p and 20p each plus postage dependent on the total number printed.

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please remember all deceased Extraordinary Ministers in your prayers, especially the following whose names were added to the Book of Remembrance during the past year.

Name	Parish	Deceased
Peter Hadlow	St Mary The Immaculate - Grantham	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
Monica Cartwright	St Francis of Assisi - Long Eaton	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2015
Helen Campbell	Our Lady Star of the Sea - Immingham	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2014
Tediflo (Theo) Vallada	Our Lady & St Thomas of Hereford - Ilkeston	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2015
Stephen Perry	St Paul - Nottingham	21 <sup>st</sup> February 2015
Anthony Pulford	St Thomas of Canterbury - Gainsborough	28 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
Stanley Eaton	Holy Cross - Whitwick	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2014
Dcn. Joe Rogan	Sacred Heart & St Gilbert - Bourne	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2015
Suzanne Burdette	St Mary of the Annunciation - Loughborough	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
Joseph Palmer	St Mary - Nottingham Hyston Green	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
William (Bill) Dooley	St Joseph - Shirebrook	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2015
Basil Lidster	St Hugh - Bilborough Nottingham	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2015
Kenneth Buggy	The Good Shepherd - Woodthorpe Nottingham	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
Marie Dolores Roach	St Mary - Brigg	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2014
Leslie Lemon	St Patrick & St Bridget - Clay Cross	23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2014
Phyllis Anne (Wendy) Rayner	Our Lady of Lincoln - Lincoln	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2014
Eileen O'Toole	St Peter & St Paul - Swadlincote	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2015
James Douglas Taylor	Our Lady & St Peter - Woodhall Spa	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
Phyllis Denton	St Joseph the Worker - Burton on Trent	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2015
Anthony Francis Costello	St George and All Soldier Saints – Old Normanton	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
Alan Leigh	St Bernadette - Scunthorpe	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2013
David Charles Brookman	St Bernadette - Scunthorpe	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2013
Mary Hanley	St Bernadette - Scunthorpe	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
Francis Donnelly	St Bernadette - Scunthorpe	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2013
Russell Ball	St Mary - Hyston Green, Nottingham	7 <sup>th</sup> August 2015
Isma (Issy) Glyn - Smith	Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary - Leicester	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
Anne Rowley	St Pius X & St Peter - Grimsby	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
John Laing	St Joseph – Leicester	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2015

Some of the listed Ministers died over a year ago but we have only received notification during the past year.

*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

We try whenever possible to send a condolence card to the next of kin and for a member of the Secretariat to be present at the funeral. This is only possible if we are notified promptly of a Minister's death. There are currently 415 deceased Extraordinary Ministers recorded in this book.

Please also remember in your prayers all those Ministers throughout the Diocese who are no longer enjoying good health especially those who are suffering serious illness.

If you know of a Minister who has died recently and is not mentioned above please let Searle Clark know (email [searle.clark@btinternet.com](mailto:searle.clark@btinternet.com)) or a member of the Commission.