

Leadership in the Local Church

A List of Resources

This list provides follow-up to the paper ‘Leadership in the Local Church – the Blessings of Powerlessness’ published by Parish & People in 2013.

Understanding leadership within the Body of Christ and the associated art of ‘followership’ will always be ‘work in progress’. A great many books have been written on clerical leadership, but too few from the perspective of those who supposedly are there to be led. Use these resources to challenge assumptions and to engage others in discussion about the issues.

From an interview with Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury:

“Great leadership is about changing the range of possibilities in people’s minds. This enables their imagination to be captured by the Holy Spirit.”

“You have to be the one who is growing closer to Jesus. If you are not doing that, you are wasting your time.”

Hear the whole interview by pasting this link into your browser:

http://dl.dropbox.com/u/5554722/2013_sunday_talks/An%20Evening%20with%20Justin%20%26%20Caroline%20Welby.mp3

Lay Discipleship and Leadership

Eight key issues are identified in an unpublished paper by Hilary Ineson, formerly Adviser in Adult Education and Training for the Church of England. This prophetic paper, first circulated in 1999, asks serious questions about why agreed theory about lay ministry is ignored in practice.

The Nature of Church

A four session study guide to help local church groups to re-imagine their role as Christian communities – by Beverley Hollins, formerly Deanery Development Facilitator for Newport Deanery (Diocese of Oxford). A bookfold version is available on the Oxford Diocesan web site.

“New way of Being Church”

www.newway.org.uk – This web site offers a radical vision of the importance of small Christian communities in the life and witness of Christ’s Church. Resources are included for group study.

PAPERS FROM PARISH AND PEOPLE

A series of short papers – all now available for free download:

By John Cole – formerly National Adviser (Unity-in-Mission) for the Church of England

- [Church without Price?](#) (2008)
- [Decision-making in the Deanery](#) (2010)
- [‘I am a churchgoer – get me out of here!’](#) (2011)
- [Thirsty for God](#) (2012)

By Paul and Jenny Rolph (Fellows of Glyndwr University)

- [Good Listening – the lifeblood of a creative learning community](#) (2011)

By Beren Hartless - Director of Initial Ministerial Education, Diocese of Oxford

- [Sharing Local Ministry](#) (2009)

By Jimmy Hamilton-Brown – formerly Team Rector of Dorchester

- [Leadership and Vision](#) (2004)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

How to develop your local church - Working with the wisdom of the congregation

by Richard Impey - SPCK 2010

together with the *Workbook* published by 4 M Publications in 2009

God’s Church, My Place: What it means to belong to a Christian Community

By Steve Tilley – BRF 2012

Seeds of the Word

By Peter Price – DLT 1996

Leadership and the New Science (2nd Edition)

By Margaret Wheatley – Berrett-Koehler 1999

Finding your Leadership Style – a Guide for Ministers

By Keith Lamdin – SPCK 2012

"Leading, Managing, Ministering"

ed John Nelson - a Modem handbook. 1999

How to be a Local Church – An Action Plan for every Christian

By John Cole – Kevin Mayhew 1992 (2nd hand copies readily available)