

# Interim Ministry Bulletin JULY 2020

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**Welcome to the latest Interim Ministry Bulletin.** The Diocese of Chelmsford sends this out as a result of additional capacity building funding from the Church Commissioners' Strategic Development Fund, with the aim of extending networking and training in Interim Ministry. You are welcome to send contributions on events, news, aspects of IM, short publication reviews, and *IM Focus* features about how IM is being used in particular dioceses. *IM Viewpoint* brings you a perspective from those working with IM

**IM FOCUS - Interim ministry in the Diocese of Gloucester.** Gloucester has been developing its approach to IM since 2017 under the leadership of Revd Canon Tudor Griffiths. *Read the full story in IM Focus.*

**IM VIEWPOINT – Was John the Baptist an Interim Minister?** The Ven Andy Jolley, Archdeacon of Bradford, Diocese of Leeds. *Read his reflection in IM Viewpoint.*

**SURVEY: IM5+ ENGLAND – Interim Ministry in England: The First Five Years** – Have you appointed Interim Ministers in the past five years or have you served as an Interim Minister? This is an opportunity to gather feedback on the use of IM since legislation enabled appointments in the Church of England. This is a very simple survey of 6 questions which will take 3 minutes to complete. We aim to share the results of the survey at the National IM Zoom conference below. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R3F9JSS>

**EVENTS & TRAINING- IM National ZOOM Conference and Training Webinar – November 2020** – Hosted by the Diocese of Chelmsford. The second national conference on IM Was due to take place this year, however given that physical gatherings will be a challenge as a result of Coronavirus, we are planning a national Zoom conference which will also act as a training event for IMs nationally. It will also be an opportunity to launch a training handbook prepared by the Diocese of Chelmsford, in partnership with IMs nationally. Dates are currently being planned. We will send out information in September 2020.

**RESOURCES:** It has been an act of thanksgiving to re-read **Healthy Congregations – A Systems Approach**, by the late US IM pioneer Peter L Steinke. It is a great aid to understanding anxiety in congregations, includes 10 principles of health and how to promote health congregations. *ISBN 13:978-1-56699-330-2 Rowman & Little.*

*We apologise for the absence of IM bulletins over the past year. Revd Helen Gheorghiu Gould, who leads this work, took an extended period of health leave last year, and only returned to full time work in April 2020. Sincere thanks to colleagues at the Diocese of Chelmsford for keeping some of the show on the road – particularly our IM Regional Meeting in Leeds and the Family Systems Training in London.*

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