



Ministerial flourishing online workshop: GoHealth | Ministries: Vocations and Worship



Day 1: 4th October 2024: 10am – 4pm

Day 2: 21st November 2024: 10am – 12.30pm

This online workshop is an invitation to explore for yourself and for your context what it means to flourish in ministry and how to move more deeply into ways of living and working that expresses your vocation and delivers the mission given to you by Jesus. The aim of this training is to offer hope and courage for all in ministry, and a time for inspiration and empowerment for the road ahead.

The Details:

In order to inspire and empower ministry, this training will include exploring an holistic and radical appreciation of the value of the pastoral ministry, an understanding of the complex environment that we minister into (including the impact of collective trauma post-Covid), the changing patterns of ministry and the place of courage in ministry. Threaded throughout the training will be the idea that serving a community in the name of Jesus Christ and caring for yourself are both founded on the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The days will involve input from The Revd Dr Gillian Straine, times of discussion with your peers, and reflective invitations to discern the ways to connect health and vocation. The follow up session will pick up on further theory and move into reflection groups to explore the impact of the training in your life and ministry.

Who is hosting this training:

The Guild of Health and St Raphael (GoHealth) is an ecumenical Christian charity with over 100 years' experience in holistic health and healing. They exist to enable churches and individual Christians to be healing presences in the world, and they have a particular focus on Christian leaderships, with training and support to help all find flourishing in ministry. This flourishing is founded on a deep understanding of the ministry and mission begun by Jesus Christ and its connections to health and healing, a theology of ministry that connects vocation and health, and a clear understanding of the needs in the world that the church can meet.



The Revd. Dr. Gillian Straine is CEO of GoHealth. She is passionately committed to health, healing and Christian living. She is a cancer survivor, Anglican priest, theologian and scientist with a strong interest in communication and teaching. She has a doctorate in Physics from Imperial College London and an MA in Theology from the University of Oxford. She is particularly keen to bring the study of science into conversations about Christian healing. She is the author of *Introducing Science and Religion: A path through polemic* (SPCK, 2014), *The Limits of Science?* (CSP, 2017) and *Cancer: A Pilgrim Companion* (SPCK, 2017).