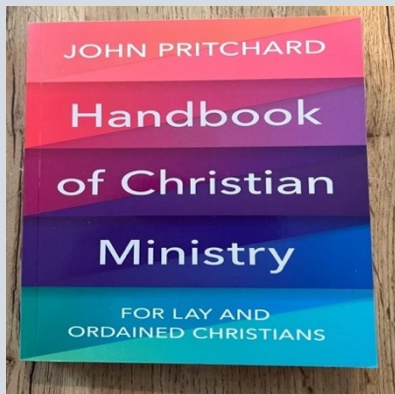
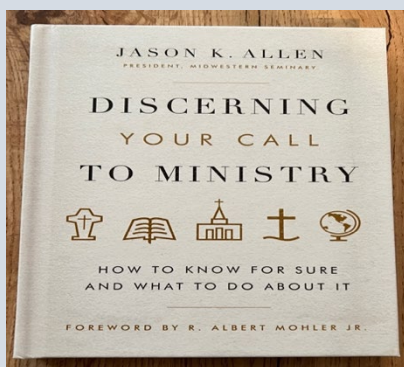


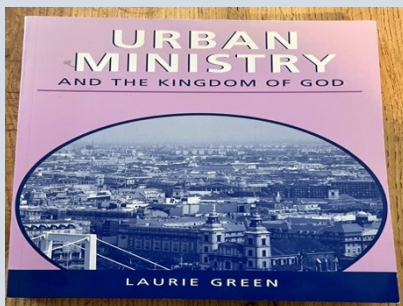
Books with a vocational heart published in the 2000's



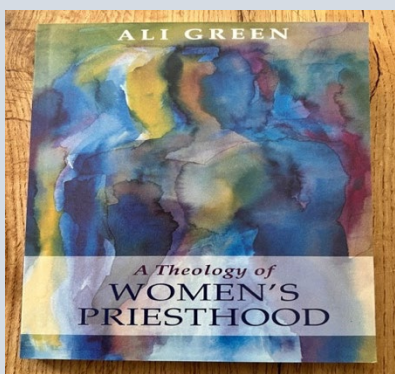
This compassionate handbook offers an easy to navigate source of advice on how to respond to the needs of others. It's for both lay and ordained Christians and has chapters including: Vocation - Older people - Evangelism - Holy Communion and Mission. Published in 2020.



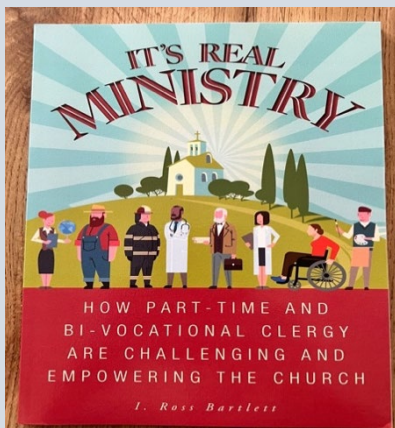
From a U.S Baptist Seminary this book asks ten tough questions which help you discern whether ministry is for you. One such question is 'Do you love the people of God?' It starts with the tagline 'There are two mistakes to make: one is taking up a calling that isn't yours and the other is neglecting a calling that is' Published 2016.



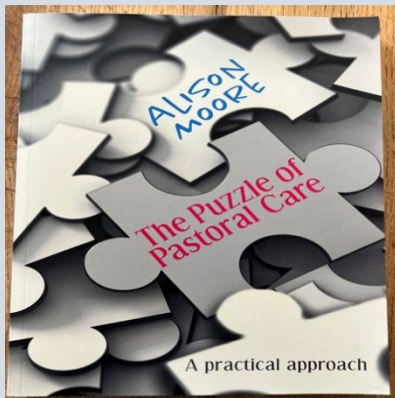
Taking the figure that 90% of the UK population now lives in urban and suburban settings, this book focuses on ministry in that context. It's a resource book for students who feel called to ministry in our towns and cities and chapters include: The urban challenge today - Street level ministry - Urban meanings and Jesus, His mission and His Praxis. Published 2003.



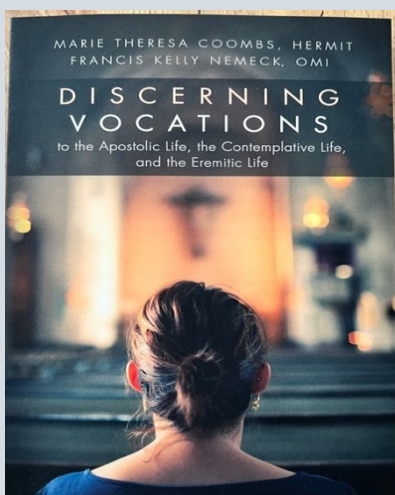
A theological book which Pamela Sue Anderson states: confronts 'female exclusion while celebrating the joy of sexual difference' This book shows that women and men can speak together in communion and in the re-enactment of traditional eucharistic prayer. One such chapter is entitled 'Broken body- broken world - the female priest. Published 2009.



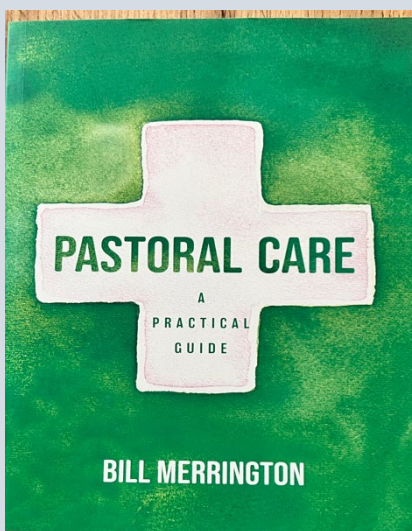
Church of Canada. This book addresses declining congregations and looks at how bi-vocational and part time ministries might help keep faith in our communities. It discusses new ways of imagining leadership. The study offers reflection for many denominations beyond Canada looking at positive insights for clergy and laity. Published 2022.



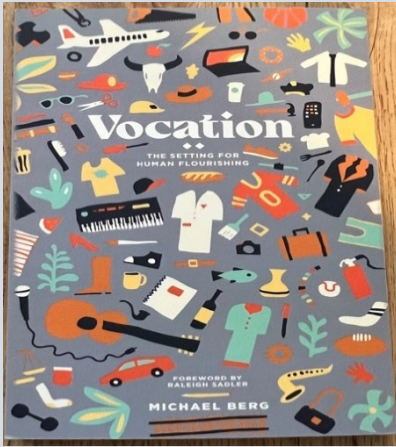
For anyone interested in practicing pastoral care: lay or ordained. This book aims to help churches work on better pastoral care provision with a down-to-earth approach addressing what makes for good, high quality pastoral care. Chapters include: Shared ministry - Pastoral care audit - Self-care and Boundaries - Sexuality - mental health - contemporary culture. Published 2019.



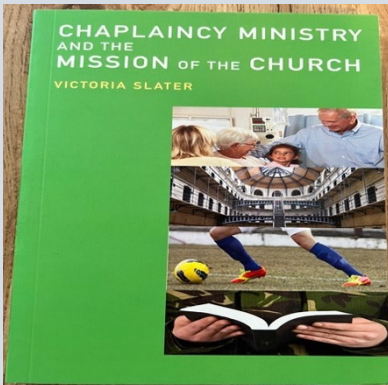
From the USA and Canada. This book looks at a very different kind of ministry. The study offers wisdom and insight to those discerning vocation to the contemplative or eremitic life. It also helps those who give guidance in vocations so is great for spiritual directors - leadership and Christian educators. Published 2018.



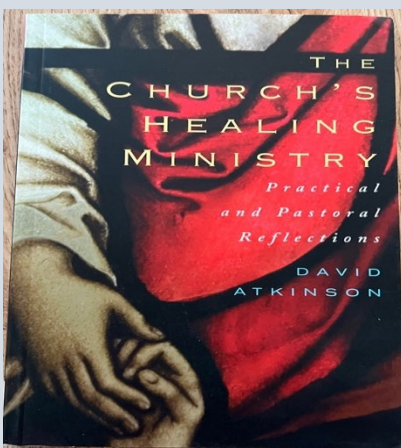
A practical hands-on book that all in pastoral ministry will benefit from. Be better equipped in pastoral ministry by looking at skills to use in church and the wider community. Chapters include: The Need for forgiveness - Hospital Visiting - Gossip, small talk and neighbours - A ministry of tears - suffering with others and more. Published 2012.



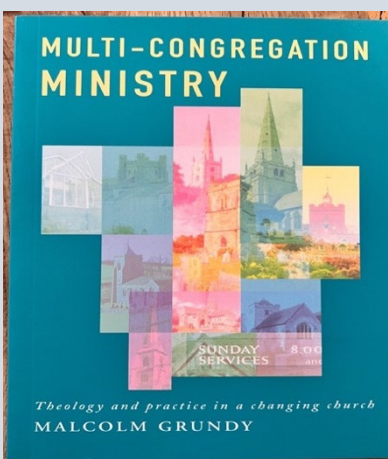
Coming from a Lutheran perspective, this short book asks the question ‘what makes a good life?’ then delves into the freedom of calling. Chapters include: A call to serve our neighbour - Neo monasticism - Freedom and Love. Published in 2020.



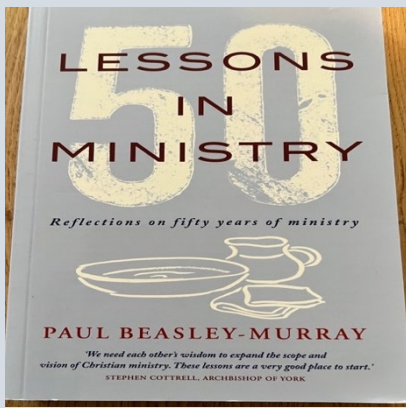
This book asks two questions: What is chaplaincy and what is its significance within the mission and ministry of the contemporary church? Grounded in empirical research, it includes all types of chaplaincies from schools - hospitals - prisons - airports - sport - military and much more. Published 2015.



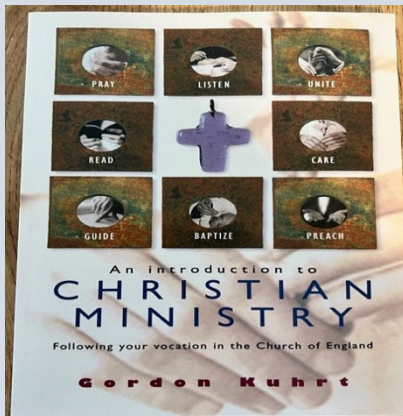
This book offers a practical and pastoral theology that embraces the following: Biblical notion of health and wholeness - healing in relation to sickness and disease - personal and environmental health - health and social justice - emotional health, pastoral care and counselling and healing and the sacraments. Published 2011.



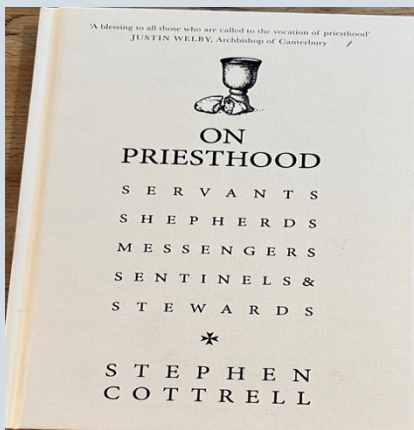
Looking at local church life and how it's changed, this book focuses on experiences of merging public community sectors and church and explores how churches can flourish. A great book for those entering church ministry. Chapters include ‘Leadership’ and ‘A new Calling’ Published 2015.



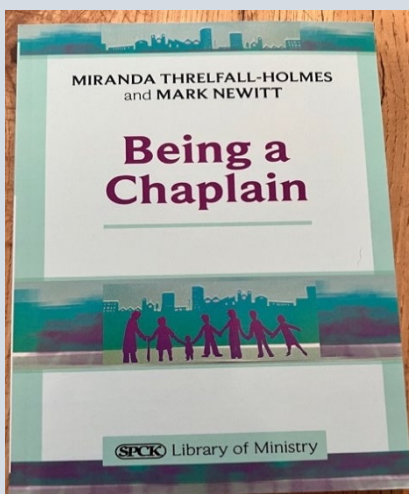
Fifty reflections on all aspects of ministry. Including pastoring, preaching, evangelism, prayer, worship, family, personal care and relationships. An essential foundational reading for clergy of all levels of experience. A great read for perspective ordinands. Published 2020.



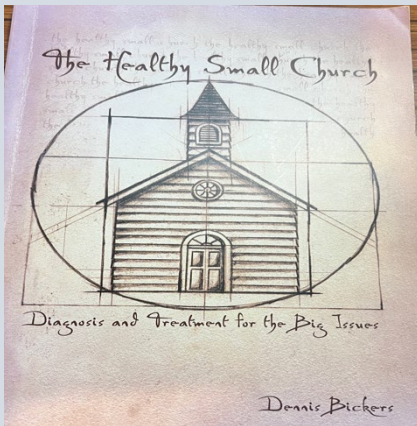
Considers issues for the contemporary Christian including the ministry of the whole church - women in leadership - working together and handling failure. Chapters include: The priesthood - The reality of leadership - Baptism - the foundation of discipleship - Work and rest. Published in 2000.



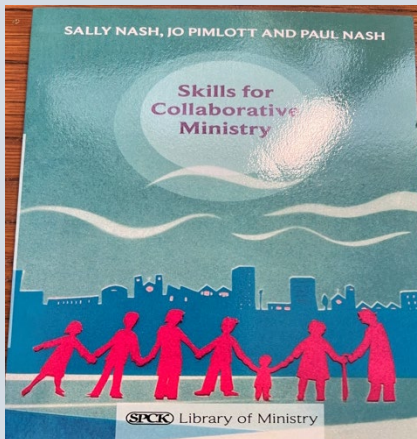
Using 5 metaphors to describe the work of a priest in the CofE, this is based on Bishop Steven Cottrell's refreshing and challenging address to ordinands on the night before ordination. Great for those considering a calling to ordination as well as those already in ministry. Published 2020.



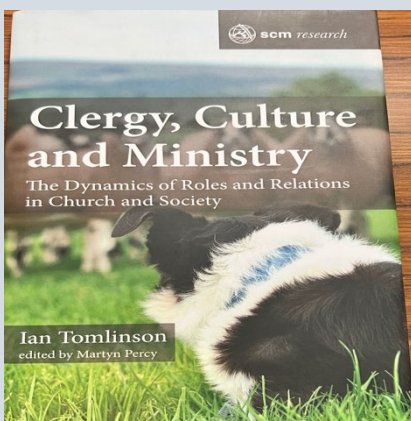
This book gathers stories from 22 chaplains working in a variety of contexts. Then it has 4 essays on key themes: multi-faith issues - the core skills needed by a chaplain - models of chaplaincy and tensions that can arise in the work. Published 2011.



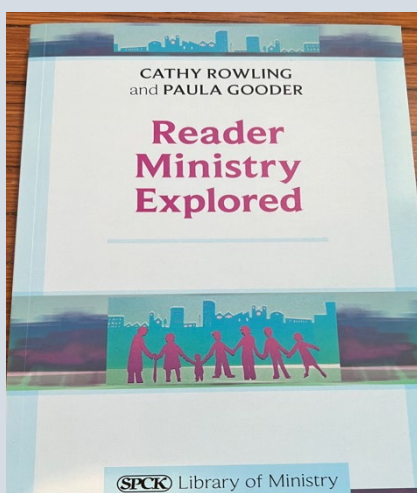
A book from the USA and a really excellent book which looks at smaller churches, mostly rural and asks how the good news of Christ can remain central in smaller communities. Its chapters include: The importance of small churches - The value of a vision - Long pastoral tenure - Lay ministry involvement. Great read for people who feel called to smaller communities and in the rural context. Published 2005.



Looks at particular skills needed for ministry today. Team building - diversity skills - conflict resolution and a must for those going to panels - facilitation and groups. Chapters include: Group dynamics - Leadership in collaborative ministry - Encouraging participation. Published 2011.



Difficulties faced by clergy in working cooperatively with others. This book is great for those who want to look at role dynamics and relationships in church life. Chapters include: Pastors, Preachers and Priests - Some Prescriptions - Behaviours and boundaries and critical incidents. Published 2017.



Explores the theology and practice of Reader ministry. Offers key questions and challenges that Readers face today and is a practical guide for those considering this essential ministry. Published in 2011.