Covenant, Calling and Crisis: Autonomy, Accountability and Wellbeing among Church of England Clergy revisited 63 people who have been interviewed every two years since 2017. It presents qualitative findings from individual and group interviews conducted in autumn 2021 and is part of the third wave of the ten-year Living Ministry programme. The research findings explore clergy wellbeing during the Covid 19 pandemic and how clergy understand and experience autonomy and accountability.

Dr Liz Graveling, author of the report, said; “I am deeply grateful to all the people who continue to share the joys and trials of ordained ministry to help the church learn how best to care for its clergy. Supportive frameworks of autonomy and accountability are crucial, and the stories contained within this report illuminate how these two things can be held together in the context of covenantal relationships.”

Living Ministry is following four cohorts of clergy through ten years of their ministry to explore what helps ordained ministers to flourish. Clergy ordained in 2006, 2011 and 2015, and those who entered training in 2016 are invited to take part in an online survey and qualitative interviews every two years.