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SUMMARY

The Study of Ministry is a comprehensive guide to the theory and practice of ministry that attends to historical sources, the social sciences, pastoral theology, ecclesiology and cultural studies. The book argues for the study of ministry to be taken seriously as an aspect of ecclesiology and pastoral theology, providing a stimulating resource both for practising ministers and for all those training for ministry in a range of denominations

The chapter by Abby Day positions anthropology as a discipline committed to exploring what it means to be human. In so doing, it privileges the human, or social, over the apparent divine. An anthropology of ministry may contrive to do both, to hold in comfortable tension this world/other world.