

Diocese of Carlisle Board of Education

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Weekly Communication: 10th February 2022

Reflection: Life in all its fulness



On Saturday, Morven and I were fortunate enough to hear Professor David Ford, OBE speaking on his specialist subject: The Gospel of St John.

Professor Ford chaired the Theological Reference Group for the Church of England when writing the Vision for Education in 2016.

It was uplifting to be reminded of the synergy between John's Gospel and the Vision for Education. If you need a lift, read Section 2, "*Why Should the Church of England be Committed to Education?*"

"Pupils and teachers can pursue the big questions of meaning such as 'Who am I?', 'Why am I here?', 'What do I desire?' and 'How then shall I live?'"

Professor Ford reminded us about how Jesus wanted an abundant life for us all – He didn't just produce enough wine – it was overflowing. So were the baskets of bread and fish. When you feel downtrodden and are fed up covering for colleagues' absence, managing COVID issues (still or again) or have an Ofsted inspection looming, take a minute. Remind yourself that Jesus wants **you** to enjoy Life in all its Fulness. What can you treat yourself to this half term? How will you refresh yourself? How will you live life to the full?

We wish you an abundantly restful and refreshing week.

Charlotte

Training:

Coming up next half term:

New and Acting Headteachers Induction Programme: Wednesday 23rd February at 1pm

Peer Support Network for Headteachers: Monday 28th February at 1.30pm or Tuesday 1st March at 10am

Effective RE Governance: Thursday 10th March at 4pm

Preparing for a SIAMS Inspection: Thursday 17th March at 4pm

New and Acting Headteachers Induction Programme: Wednesday 23rd March at 1pm



NEW COURSE Spiritual Development (*how to plan for it and evidence success in an inspection*) Wednesday 23rd March at 4pm

Simply email education@carlisle-diocese.org.uk to join any of our courses or events.

There's always lots going on. Don't forget to keep an eye on our [Events Programme](#).

Support for teaching Islam

<https://muslimlearnerservices.org/>

With Ramadan starting around the 2nd of April, Imran Kotwal from Muslim Learner Services is offering a **FREE virtual** Teaching & Learning about Ramadan & Eid CPD session for Primary School RE Leads, Teachers and/or Headteachers.



15th March 2022 4-5pm or 29th March 2022 4-5 pm.

Description: In this session, we will explore questions like: What is Ramadan? Why do Muslims fast? Why do some Muslims in Britain start Ramadan on different dates? Do all Muslims need to fast? What is Suhoor & Iftar? What is the Night of Power? What is I'tikaf? How do Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr?

This virtual session led by a British Muslim teacher will help primary colleagues develop an in-depth understanding of Ramadan & Eid. There will be an opportunity to ask questions throughout the session and all schools will be provided with FREE training materials and resources to use with pupils. By the end of the session, you will be able to confidently lead a Ramadan / Eid-ul-Fitr assembly or lesson for all your primary pupils!

Places are limited to one free place per school.

To book your place please complete the booking form [HERE](#)



Church of England NPQs

This short video answers many of the questions we are regularly asked about NPQs – which one is right for teachers and leaders at different stages of their career and with different responsibilities? Who is delivering the courses in our Area? Do have a look. Even if you aren't thinking of a qualification for yourself right now, you may be struck by one of them which might be relevant for a colleague or a friend.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Chris Boucetla:
siochrisb@thegoodshepherdmat.co.uk

Heads Huddle:

Heads Huddle is a weekly opportunity to meet with fellow school leaders and members of the Diocesan Education Team in a relaxed and informal online chat.

Please do join us to share the highs and lows of the week; to take a moment for reflection; to enjoy some mutual support; to ask any questions on your mind; and to receive any updates available.



We'd love to see you at 3.45pm on Tuesdays whenever you can make it.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88350734545?pwd=aEFSQlk3Wm5qK2FWNk8wSoxVNC84dz09&from=addon>

Feedback from Headteachers: themes of the week

I've said before that, just occasionally, only one person appears for Heads Huddle and it's always very special when that happens.

We love getting to know you a little better, hearing about what makes you tick, your passions and what's going on in your school as well as being able to be a listening ear for anything that's getting you down.

This week, it was a real privilege to talk about **Relationships Education** (including some lovely feedback on our model policy – thank you!); **diversity**; and **supporting pupils with SEN**. Although we did spend some time talking about covering staff absence and how hard it is, most of our conversation was really uplifting and reminded us why we drag ourselves out of bed every day to do our jobs – what a treat!



Inclusion Corner:

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is **Growing Together**.

We'd love to hear from you if you've got success stories you are able to share.

It's not too late to access all the free resources which are relevant any time.

There are some useful Top Tips for families which you may also wish to share with your school community.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



For schools which are Admission Authorities:

You may recall that, back in the Summer Term 2021, when I notified you of the changes needed to comply with the School Admissions Code 2021 (which came into effect on 1st September 2021) I recommended using the Church of England's Admission Builder Tool:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/admissions-arrangements>

Whilst I still strongly encourage the use of this tool, which makes it very easy for you to be sure your policy complies with the new Code, some of you have reported having difficulty using it. I have reviewed a large number of draft Admissions Policies which were not compliant recently. I have therefore put together an updated Model Policy (attached) and which I hope you will find helpful.

SIAMS Update

Updated SIAMS documents are available on the [SIAMS pages](#) of the Church of England website.



Notification phone calls are expected to resume during the week beginning 21st February.

In-school inspection activity is expected to commence during the week beginning 28th February.



With 6 weeks of content, **Way Maker** takes pupils on a journey through Lent, reflecting on Jesus' ministry and his example of being a 'Way Maker' and serving others. The 6 sessions help pupils to explore what it means to be: servant hearted, compassionate, accepting, bold, forgiving and a light in the darkness. **Way Maker** helps pupils consider what these examples mean for their own lives and the practical actions they can take to become way makers in their community.

Each week includes:

- Introductions
- Bible links
- A video
- Questions and challenges
- A prayer

This resource can be used in the classroom or in collective worship. Challenges can be done individually or as a group or class



Picture News

Some of you have told me that, although you really like the Picture News resources, you don't use them often enough to justify the cost.

I've been in touch with Picture News who have offered a monthly subscription for £80 per annum.

If this is something you are interested in or would like more information, please contact Katie Harrison: help@picture-news.co.uk. I have told her to expect some emails!



The Northern Young Leaders Project



The Northern Young Leaders Project is an exciting internship. We are looking for six young adults from the UK (aged 18-30) interested in exploring their calling and vocation, through a year volunteering in churches, parishes and pioneer projects across Cumbria. You will join with interns from across the world who come on a mission exchange here Cumbria. The internship begins at the end of August 2022, running for 11 months.

This is part of the national Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme in the Diocese of Carlisle, it's FREE to join and offers you:

- Experience in parish ministry and community engagement
- Experience of pioneering mission and fresh expression
- Ten days induction, theological and cross cultural training hosted by the Norwegian Mission Society in Norway
- Six day debrief with the Norwegian Mission Society in Spain (flights and accommodation for both trips are on us)
- Discipleship in church leadership and missional living
- Opportunity to engage with interns who are serving in Cumbria from around the world
- Teaching in theology and mission
- Engagement and input with the vocations team within Carlisle Diocese
- Full board and living allowance - and much more!

❖ SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION ❖



The Schools' Labyrinth Project – it's still not too late
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS TOMORROW, FRIDAY 11TH
Please email Morven: education@carlisle-diocese.org.uk

Throughout 2022 Carlisle Cathedral is working with partners to celebrate the 900th Anniversary of the foundation of a Priory in Carlisle, which in 1133 became the Cathedral. The year is titled 'Journey and Rest 1122-2022: a Year of Pilgrimage to Celebrate 900 years of Carlisle Cathedral and Priory'.

We want to celebrate life's journey and rest – its pilgrimage – with your school community, by inviting you to join with us in a project to create a School's Labyrinth.

The project would involve your school being sent a pre-designed foam tile – a piece of the Labyrinth - to decorate in a manner which speaks of the journeys and life of your community. When your school's tile is joined with all the others the result will be an utterly unique, walkable Labyrinth celebrating a whole variety of school communities served by the Board of Education and the Cathedral. As part of the project your school will also receive RE and Art lesson plans, as well as collective worship resources on the theme of labyrinth and pilgrimage, to extend the reach and impact of the project in your school community.

At the beginning of the summer term, we will gather all the decorated tiles together. The Labyrinth will then be installed in the Fraternity Hall at the Cathedral for the two weeks leading up to, and including, the Year 6 Church Schools Leavers' Services. It will act as the centre piece for these Leavers' Services and families and members of the public will be able to visit the installation and physically walk the Labyrinth.

At the end of the installation in the Fraternity Hall we hope that the Labyrinth will be able to 'tour' Cumbria through the 2022-23 academic year, acting as a focus for local installations and school cluster days.





If you have a vacancy you would like to advertise here, don't hesitate to send it to charlotte.tudway@carlisle-diocese.org.uk. I aim to send out the weekly communication each Thursday so any 'copy' would need to be with me by Wednesday evening (or early Thursday morning) to make it into that week's edition.



Lazonby School is currently looking to recruit a part-time SENCo.

If you know someone who might be interested, please ask them to contact: andrew@lazonby.cumbria.sch.uk for more info



Patterdale School are seeking a new Clerk to Governors

Please email Mandy if you know someone who might be interested

info@patterdale.cumbria.sch.uk

HEADTEACHER VACANCIES

The following church of England Schools are currently advertising for a new Headteacher:

- ❖ Captain Shaw's
- ❖ Culgaith
- ❖ Dalton St Mary's
- ❖ Gosforth
- ❖ Ivegill
- ❖ Patterdale
- ❖ St James' Infant, Whitehaven
- ❖ St James' Junior, Barrow
- ❖ St Michael's, Dalston
- ❖ Seaton St Paul's Junior



For more information, visit Cumbria County Council's website by clicking on the logo above.

As always, if you have any questions about any of the information contained in this week's communication, don't hesitate to get in touch:

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