

INSPIRE

*Being a Blessing to
Schools and Colleges*

**CHURCH - SCHOOL/COLLEGE MENTORS
IN THE DIOCESE OF BRISTOL**



**ENGAGING
YOUNGER
GENERATIONS**



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Thirteen trained 'Inspire mentors' are available to support churches to explore the ways in which they might engage with, serve and support their local schools or colleges. These mentors are spread across the Diocese and each has a particular focus on primary schools, secondary schools or colleges.

The mentors are beacons of effectiveness and good practice who are committed to encouraging others to feel confident, resourced and enthused about serving and showing God's love in schools and colleges.

Mentors are available to offer free advice, wisdom and support to help churches, church leaders and volunteer schools workers to shape the offer that churches can make to schools and colleges. They are equipped to offer a tailored service exploring the opportunities that are unique to each church and school.

To access the support of a mentor, simply identify the mentor best situated to your situation, and email them directly.

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KEY
 P = Primary
 S = Secondary
 FE = Further Education



ADAM BEAUMONT is a Team Vicar and Deanery Missioner for Schools, Children and Families; before that he was a secondary science teacher. He is now involved in governance, church-school links, face-to-face work in schools, as well as helping resource churches to develop strategy for engaging with young people.

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ALI ROWE is an ex-teacher, granny, vicar's wife and Uganda link co-ordinator. She is passionate about sharing faith with children and young people using lots of new and exciting methods. Happy to chat with anyone who wants help in linking churches and schools in Bristol West Deanery.

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BECKY MEILTON has been working as a youth worker for St Paul's Church in Chippenham for the past 3 years, having been a volunteer for a number of years. She has been running Christian Unions in 2 secondary schools for the past 5 years and going in and teaching in a number of lessons.

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BECKY FISHER is a Licensed Lay Minister with her dream job as a Rural Schools and Churches worker in the Gauzebrook Group just north of the M4 Junction 17. Her role includes collective worship, RE and church school distinctiveness, afterschool clubs, Messy Church and Open the Book. She is an Advocate for Godly Play which she believes has the potential to make us all into storytellers. Before coming to the Diocese of Bristol she worked as a parent support advisor in Oxfordshire.

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BELLA FASHAM trained and worked as a secondary teacher. She continued to be involved in youth and children's work at her local church while bringing up 4 daughters. She has worked as a schools worker for 2 years and has run countless trails and workshops in both primary and secondary schools. She has a deep fund of ideas for workshops and trails explaining Christ in schools!

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DAVE CLARKE has been a manager for Swindon Youth for Christ for the past few years. Youth work has always been in his blood since leaving school at 18 and his passions are evangelism, football and his family. In the past he has sat on planning teams for youth work at New Wine and provided material for a nationally renowned schools and youth work resource.

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GAYLE BRYON has worked as a primary schools worker for 4 years in the Ecumenical Partnership of West Swindon. She leads assemblies, is part of an Open the Book team, enjoys participating in RE lessons, and setting up workshops for her local schools. She loves activities that involve music and projects that bring younger and older generations together. She is a good listener, encourager and is happy to share ideas.

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JANE GILLIS worked as a geography teacher for several years, and then went onto work as a children's minister and school community worker. In 2015 Jane helped to set up a charity called Bristol Schools Connection (BSC), which aims to help churches in the Bristol area develop positive connections with their local school(s). Jane works as a BSC consultant and is passionate about coaching people to create imaginative spaces for spiritual development.

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JO STRANGE has been a Licensed Lay Minister in the Fromside Benefice of churches for 16 years. She worked in a secondary school in a mainly pastoral/behavior management role. She is now working one-to-one with specific students. She is passionate about supporting vulnerable young people.

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KATHERINE BLOOMER has been a Licensed Lay Minister for 8 years, spending a large part of her time growing and supporting partnerships between the 4 rural church schools in the Draycot Benefice, and their parish churches. Happy to listen and bounce ideas on Worship Councils, Christian distinctiveness, and creating spiritual opportunities.

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LIZ OGBORNE worked as a primary school teacher, RE advisory teacher and schools worker providing RE trails, lessons and prayer spaces to primary and secondary schools. She now works with Bristol Schools Connection advising and coaching individuals and churches who want to serve the spiritual life of their local school. She is on the Prayer Spaces in Schools oversight team, training churches across Wales and the South West.

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MATT HOLMAN has a young family of 2 children and has worked in youth work for around 10 years. Most of this time has been within the education sector, whether schools, colleges or alternative provision. Matt has a heart to see young people know their worth and identity as well as support others to grow youth support, specifically chaplaincy.

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SALLY SIBLEY has worked in the parish of Mangotsfield as a school-community link since 2011 with a focus on helping to create a Christian community in the new housing area of Lyde Green. The focus of her work has been linking schools, church and community in a variety of ways including toddler groups, Messy Church, Open the Book, holiday clubs, lunchtime/after school clubs, pastoral work, parenting support and community projects.

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WHAT NEXT?

- Who is your nearest mentor?
- Do they cover your area of interest?
- If not which other mentor does?
- Do you need to go on Safeguarding Training?
- Are you DBS checked?
- What do you need to do next?
- When by?
- Write it in your diary.



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