



DBE Newsletter – June 2022 (Term 6)

I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness.

John 10:10

Colleagues



You may have come across a booklet by Hope Together called 'Our Faithful Queen, 70 years of Faith and Service.'

It's a super reminder in photos and text of the Queen's life and her personal journey in faith honed through service to the nation. You might like to get some to give out to staff and children on their return from the Jubilee holiday, I know some churches have bought them for the schools in their area.

Royalist or not, I do hope you have have/are having the most fantastic parties (legal ones without fights, drunkenness, vomiting and disrespect to cleaners!) Your Collective Worships have been special too I am sure.

The good Samaritan is found in Luke 10: 25 – 37. The Queen has referred to it often as a story of service to others. It's a very rich story and possible to read it in a number of ways, The story might ask questions about how our faith makes us behave towards other people. If it makes us worse human beings, we're getting our faith wrong, Jesus seems to say.

As the Bible Society literature explains:

'It's a radical reinterpretation of responsibility. Martin Luther King used the parable in a famous sermon, stressing the dangers of the road and the risks run by the priest and the Levite. 'And so the first question that the priest asked – the first question that the Levite asked, was, 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But then

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the good Samaritan came by and he reversed the question, 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'

The lawyer's original question, Who is my neighbour? seeks to establish the limits of the responsibility, or the boundaries of his clan. Jesus' answer focusses on heart and character. He won't allow us to escape the real question, which is about how we will ourselves behave. We are to be neighbours to people who need neighbours – whether they are neighbours or not.

It's an invitation to generosity. Perhaps we see ourselves in the person of the man who was beaten and bruised and left to suffer alone; and perhaps we can see Jesus in the person of the rescuer who risked everything in a costly act of grace.'

Let me leave you with a quote from the queen referring to this passage:

The implication drawn by Jesus is clear. Everyone is our neighbour, no matter what race, creed or colour. The need to look after a fellow human being is far more important than any cultural or religious differences.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Queen

God our Father we thank you

for the long reign and faithful service of Queen Elizabeth.

Thank you for her sense of duty,

and for her willingness to put others before herself.

For her ability to say the right word at the right time,

and to reach out in forgiveness and reconciliation,

making enemies into friends.

Thank you for her quiet wisdom; the love she has shared with her family;

her grace under pressure;

for all she has meant to this nation and to all other nations too.

Bless her we pray with the knowledge

that she has been a good and faithful servant to her country

and most of all a good and faithful servant to you.

Amen.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

New date for the DBE Conference: Friday 14 October 2022 **Being a Courageous Advocate – Learning to Dream BIG!**

Recently we had to postpone the DBE conference on 18 March as the covid numbers in schools were such that many of you could not get out of school due to a lack of cover, or were suffering yourselves. We are delighted to have found a new date and have also changed to a new venue to avoid the difficulties of working in a school that may have additional safety measures in place because of the virus.

Venue: Double Tree by Hilton Swindon, just off the M5 junction. Very convenient!

Your booking: We have moved all bookings to this new date so you do not need to rebook on if you were already booked. We will confirm this with you after Easter. Please get yourself and governors/parish partners booked on as soon as possible – if you aren't already, we can check for you if you can't remember!

This is the one Annual Conference when we try to get our whole School/Church family together. So this includes Heads, Governors, and Parish Partners. We will be hearing from Jim Davis at the Children's Society, the Global Neighbours programme, Archbishop of York's award, Ugandan links, environmental projects and local schools and partner bodies about all sorts of ways to encourage you to stripe courageous advocacy through your curriculum. Our Free online Church-School Network on Wednesday 25 May is our next opportunity to get together before this conference, so we won't be apart for long!

For more information and to book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:

[DBE Conference 2022 - Being a Courageous Advocate – Learning to Dream BIG! Tickets, Fri 14 Oct 2022 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

LTLRE Annual RE Conference 2022

Friday 1 July 2022
Engineers House (& online)
9.15-3.15pm

Creating a Connected Curriculum: Learning and Knowing in RE

This conference will explore why is a connected curriculum in RE so important. We will share ideas to ensure that pupils can build their knowledge about religion and worldviews into coherent, connected concepts.

For more information and to register click [HERE](#)

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The re-arranged training for Collective Worship

Collective Worship in a CofE School

(Face to Face @ Hillside House)

Fri 7 October 2022 9.30-12.30pm

A time to reflect and focus on Collective Worship within your own school. An extended opportunity to consider your school's priorities and key purposes for Collective Worship.

Detailed exploration of the new Church of England guidance for Collective Worship: **'Inclusive, Invitational and Inspirational'**

Register [HERE](#)

For Bristol Schools – if someone from your school has yet to attend the New Updates to the Awareness Mystery Value Agreed Syllabus (shared by Bristol, BANES, North Somerset and Haringey) please book here for the final opportunity 16th June 4pm – 5.30

[Awareness Mystery Value RE Syllabus Refresh Registration, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

How many Governors for an Ofsted inspection conversation?

A couple of governors recently asked whether there was a certain number or of governors required to be present for an Ofsted inspection.

Simon Rowe, Senior HMI came back with the following response:

We always ask to speak to 'as many governors as are available'. We are happy to make phone calls as well if governors are not able to come in to meet inspectors.

Child of Hope

Here is a link to their latest video: https://youtu.be/k1Wzz_xFStg. It's all about what their school is like, it is so great for children to see the similarities and differences between their school and Child of Hope.

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4Front Theatre - Fisherman's Tail

Fisherman's Tail tour **including a brand new workshop day**, in July to see if any dates might work for your school **AND offer you an exclusive discount.**

The show is a recommended resource for the *Understanding Christianity RE syllabus* for Primary Schools.

Fisherman's Tail

For the fishermen who sail on her, the sea of Galilee provides plenty of fish and stories! Local fishermen, Simon, Andrew, James and John have got a tale to beat them all; it involves a fishing competition wherein a strange man appears and blows everyone's efforts out of the water. With a host of hearty songs and interactive storytelling, Fisherman's Tail is an enriching and exciting production; a show not to be missed!

The show is a 1 hour long musical production exploring the life and miracles of Jesus from the Fishermen disciples' perspective. It's a high energy musical, with plenty of audience interaction! We leave you with follow up worksheets (different for KS1 & KS2) so the children can reflect and learn from the production.

For more information see the attached sheet

The Children's Society

On 18 May, The Children's Society ran a webinar regarding cutting the cost of school uniforms. The webinar talked about what the next steps are and what schools will need to consider for the next academic year.

A truly affordable uniform breaks down barriers and helps ensure every child has an equal chance to thrive at school. In 2021, a new law was passed to make school uniforms more affordable. This applies to all state schools in England. Ahead of September 2022, schools should begin making changes to their uniform policies to ensure they are a fair cost for families. Charities The Children's Society, CPAG and Children North East have produced a webinar and resources to help schools understand the law and start to make changes.

- Watch the webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPtxfOYIOiY>
- Download the resources: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-campaigns/cut-the-cost-school-uniforms#resources>

For more information email Jess - Jess.Meale@childrenssociety.org.uk

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London Hearts, is a registered charity who specialises in the supply of Defibrillators, related equipment and training. Recent tragic Cardiac Arrest events has highlighted the fact that Cardiac Arrest can happen to ANYONE of any age, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE! If an adult or a child goes into cardiac arrest, without a defibrillator, there is only a 7% chance of survival. If a defibrillator is on the patient within the first 3-5 minutes, the chances of survival is over 70%.

London Hearts are currently offering a £300 grant towards the cost of every Defibrillator with free online training.

In order to proceed in obtaining a Defibrillator simply complete the short online application to receive a quote via the following link: <https://londonhearts.org/apply-for-a-defib>

If you have any queries or wish to discuss obtaining a Defibrillator please email:

Tia (Development Officer) - tia@londonhearts.org

The Queens Jubilee

Our Comms Team are planning to do a special newsletter post the Queen's Jubilee. If you have any good stories or photos to share please can you send them to Jeanette, our Director of Communications for the Diocese.

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Have a good break. You deserve it. Thank you for all you have given this term. It's been a short one in days, but not in your efforts.

Liz and the Education Team

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