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Training and Events 2022 – 2023

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Dear Colleagues,

Being a CE school is something special to hold on to, building a strong foundation for all that happens in school and growing connection with your community. I commend this booklet to you as you seek to ensure all staff are well trained in all aspects of Christian distinctiveness and RE, and that those with particular responsibilities feel enabled to train the school community so all can flourish.

Liz Townend  
Diocesan Director of Education

Welcome to our Network Events and Training Courses programme for the academic year 2022 – 2023. It can be found on our website [here](#) and contains links to all online bookings through eventbrite. As you will see there is a wide range of support and training on offer, with a variety of courses, conferences and network meetings to support your work as Church of England schools in the Bristol Diocese. Please note in particular new sessions for 22-23, highlighted for your interest.

In addition to our annual offer of SIAMS training, you will also be receiving an invitation to book onto important National SIAMS training for all schools, on Thursday 3rd November at either 10am or 6pm. Due to this impending training, you need only consider attending our September training if you have not previously attended SIAMS training and are on the list for an inspection this year. Please do ensure you book a place on the free national session for school leaders, governors or staff involved in the SIAMS process. We will run additional training on the implications of this information, in the Spring/Summer 2023.
**List of events and courses 2022-23**

For full event details, prices and booking links, please see descriptions below

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<td>9am TBC</td>
<td>NEW Schools Candlemas Christingle Service</td>
<td>One class from each school + staff/church partners/parents</td>
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<td>Friday 19th May</td>
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<td>Spiritual Development at the Heart of your School</td>
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**SIAMS – What to expect (full training for schools expecting an inspection THIS year only)**

**Thurs 13th September**

- 9.30-12.30 (Hillside House) OR
- 16.30-19.30 (online)

To book on Eventbrite click on the relevant link below:

SIAMS - What to Expect (FACE TO FACE) Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite
SIAMS - What to Expect (ONLINE) Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite

Cost: In Person - £85 (£40 for additional delegates from same school)
- Online - £60 (£20 for additional delegates from same school)

** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

This is our full SIAMS training for Headteachers. SLT, Governors, Teachers with SIAMS responsibilities, for schools on this year’s inspection list ONLY.

**Outcomes**

- Explore the current SIAMS schedule and any recent new expectations
- Understand all SIAMS inspection processes (before, during and after the inspection day)
- Identify ways in which school’s vision can underpin all SIAMS work and the life of a CoE school
- Understand the process of self-evaluation and summary required for schools

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**SIAMS – What to expect (full training for schools expecting inspection NEXT year or onwards)**

**Tuesday 24th January or Wednesday 26th April**

- 9.30-12.30 (Hillside House) OR
- 16.30-19.30 (online)

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This is our full training for headteachers. SLT, governors, teachers with SIAMS responsibilities, on the SIAMS expectations from September 2023.
Welcome and Briefing to Headship in a CE School (online)

**Thursday 15th September**
- 16.00-17.00 OR

**Wednesday 21st September**
- 10.00-11.00

This is a short FREE introduction to all those new to headship in a CE school, whether in a substantive post or acting position. We will be seeing you all for a longer session and commissioning on **Wednesday 8th February 2023**, at Bristol Cathedral. In the meantime, please make this session a priority to get to know some people in the diocese including other new heads and some of the basic ‘need to knows’ about CE leadership.

To register please email ali.driver@bristoldiocese.org

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Short SIAMS update (online)

For Headteachers, members of SLT and Governors who have already attended SIAMS training and require a brief update of the current context.

**Monday 19th September**
- 10.00-10.45 OR
- 16.00-16.45

**Tuesday 27th September**
- 13.00-13.45 OR
- 16.00-16.45

Cost: **£15 per school**
** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

**To book, click on the link below.**
Short SIAMS Updates Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite
Church of England Induction for all staff new to working in a Church of England School in the Bristol Diocese (online)

(Choose one date)

Thurs 20th September
➢ 9.15-10.45 OR
➢ 16.00-17.30

Weds 5th October
➢ 10.00-11.30 OR
➢ 16.00-17.30

Mon 9th January
➢ 13.00-14.30

Weds 11th January
➢ 16.00-17.30

This FREE training is a compulsory induction for every member of staff and volunteer in a Church of England School, regardless of role, new to working in a Church of England School in 2021 onwards. We welcome all others who are also interested whenever you took up your role. This is a short free event and the only basic training expectation from the diocese. All recent members of your staff/volunteer community must have attended by the end of the 2022/23 academic year. This training can also be offered free of charge for a full staff training as part of one of your regular INSET days, subject to availability. Please make contact if you prefer this model.

Outcomes
➢ the basics of CE education and history, nationally and locally
➢ examples of fabulous local practice in Bristol Diocese
➢ the importance of vision, values and character education being held by all in the school community
➢ what Christian Distinctiveness and Spiritual Development means
➢ a quick run through of Collective Worship, SIAMS, RE, pastoral support etc
➢ where to go for further learning and information and networking colleagues
➢ no off-putting missional material for those with a differing or no faith background

To book, click on the link below.
CE Induction for all staff new in a CE school in the Bristol Diocese Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite
Leadership in a Church of England School – (online)

This course is run over 3 consecutive weeks (3 x 1.5 hour sessions)

Session 1 Thurs 29th September
➢ 16.00-17.30

Session 2 Thurs 6th October
➢ 16.00-17.30

Session 3 Thurs 13th October
➢ 16.00-17.30

OR

Session 1 Weds 25th January
➢ 16.00-17.30

Session 2 Weds 1st February
➢ 16.00-17.30

Session 3 Weds 8th February
➢ 16.00-17.30

Costs £100 per delegate (and £60 for a further delegate from the same school/parish)
** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

This course is for all those with leadership responsibilities, teaching or otherwise. This course looks at the characteristics of a leadership role within a church school. Whether leading across a whole school, a group of staff or volunteers, as a leader you therefore have a role in setting and/or promoting vision as every leader contributes to this.

Outcomes
➢ reflect on why you have taken a leadership position in a Church of England school over any other school
➢ consider whether there is any such thing as ‘Christian’ leadership, such as spiritual, servant or ‘rabbi’ teaching leadership
➢ think about how personal faith, no faith or mind-set makes a difference in church school leadership
➢ a run through of Christian distinctiveness, Collective Worship, SIAMS etc (if delegates as a group decide this)
➢ hear from and ask questions of established leaders in Church of England schools, and learn how to thrive and really enjoy the role
➢ build confidence to know how and where to ask for and receive educational and pastoral support

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:
Leadership in Church of England Schools Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite
New to RE – (online)

Friday 30th September
➢ 9.30-12.30pm  OR

Friday 2nd December
➢ 13.00-16.00

Costs £60 per delegate (and £20 for a further delegate from the same school/parish)
** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

This training on Religion and Worldviews is for anyone who has been new to the role of RE Subject Leader or who would like to refresh their understanding of the role.

Outcomes
➢ an understanding of the aims, purposes and current context of Religion and Worldviews
➢ a basic understanding of the central beliefs of key world faiths (and non-religious worldviews)
➢ the skills to be able to judge RE teaching and learning using Ofsted (and SIAMS) criteria
➢ be able to develop realistic models for assessment and monitoring progress in RE and be able to identify key issues arising from pupil work books
➢ know how to make positive changes – audit current provision and make a realistic action plan

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:
New to RE Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite
Collective Worship in CE Schools

Friday 7th October  Hillside House
➢ 9.30-12.30

Cost £60 per delegate (and £30 for a further delegate from the same school/parish)
** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

This training is for Headteachers, Clergy and anyone involved in planning or leading Collective Worship. A time to reflect and focus on Collective Worship in your own school, refresh knowledge of CofE guidance and share ideas and resources.

Outcomes
➢ Space to consider your school’s priorities and key purposes for Collective Worship
Knowledge of the Church of England guidance ‘Inclusive, invitational, inspiring’
➢ Some ideas as to how Collective Worship can ensure your school’s vision, values and sense of community
➢ Examples of great strategies for planning and assessing the impact of worship on the life of your school

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:
Collective Worship in a CofE School Tickets, Fri 7 Oct 2022 at 09:30 | Eventbrite
Understanding Christianity – Full training

Venue: Hillside House

Delegates need to attend all three sessions:

Session 1: Wednesday 12th October
➢ 9.00-15.30

Session 2: Friday 9th December
➢ 13.00-16.00

Session 2: Tuesday 31st January
➢ 13.00-16.00

Costs £250 (with full pack) £175 (without pack).
** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

Due to a grant funding we are able to offer this training for Community Schools at a special reduced price of £100 including the full resource pack

Are you a new RE subject leader who has taken on responsibility for teaching the Understanding Christianity resource in your school?
This course aims to clarify the structure, pedagogy and expectations of using Understanding Christianity in your school. Recent research has shown that, when taught using its pedagogy, Understanding Christianity can really improve and build confidence amongst staff and pupils.

For more information and to book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:
Understanding Christianity, Tickets, Wed 12 Oct 2022 at 09:00 | Eventbrite

Outcomes

➢ Introduction to the Understanding Christianity learning model - Text Impact Connections
➢ An understanding of the ‘big story’ that is central to Christian belief and practice, connecting the Bible to eight core concepts
➢ A repertoire of teaching and learning activities which will support pupils in developing a coherent knowledge and understanding of Christianity
➢ Knowledge of how to integrate Understanding Christianity materials into planning
➢ Ideas for assessment and tracking of progress using Understanding Christianity in RE
DBE Annual Conference

Being a Courageous Advocate ‘Learning to Dream BIG’

Friday 14th October 2022, 9.00-15.30

Hilton Double Tree Hotel, Swindon
Lydiard Fields, Great Western Way, Swindon SN5 8UZ

This is a day for all school leaders: headteachers, senior leaders, all governors including chairs, ex-officios, clergy and church workers engaging with young people and schools. We will be exploring one of the main themes from the national CofE Vision for Education: Educating for Hope and Aspiration.

We will be hearing from Jim Davis at the Children’s Society, the Global Neighbours programme, Archbishop of York’s award, Uganda links, environmental projects and local schools and partner bodies about all sorts of way to encourage courageous advocacy throughout your curriculum.

There will be discussions, workshops and opportunities for reflection with colleagues. Most importantly we hope to be together again face to face to rebuild and deepen our relationships and know we can act for a better world.

Cost: £100 per delegate (and then £50 per further delegates from the same school)
**Registration is free, your school will be invoiced after the event

For more information and to register: DBE annual conference Learning to dream BIG
Church-School Networks (online)

➢ Thursday 20th October 9.15-10.45
➢ Thursday 9th Feb 9.15-10.45
➢ Tuesday 16th May 9.15-10.45

We hope all schools will be represented by a leader at these events.

These free networks are for all school leaders and Chairs of Governors. Parish partners are also welcome, such as someone from your church community who is keen to see the school and church working closely and productively together, such as the COG, ex-officio, a foundation governor, church parish worker, LLM etc).

An opportunity to spend time with colleagues in Church or England schools and build the Church School Family.

Each session will:
➢ Give an opportunity for quiet and theological reflection on your role and school-church partnership
➢ An exploration and celebration of an aspect of Christian distinctiveness from a school leader. This might be a presentation/ walk round/ theological reflection but it always goes down well and opens us up to new ways of thinking and acting.
➢ Provide brief essential updates and advice on Christian distinctiveness, SIAMS, any new government guidance and initiatives/ training in the diocese

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:
Network meeting for all Church School Headteachers and Parish Partners Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite
**Supporting children and young people with bereavement and loss – full day**

Led by: David Williams (Diocese of Bath and Wells)

Venue – Hillside House

**Wednesday 2nd November**

- 13.00-16.30pm

This training is for anyone who works to support pupils: leaders, teachers, support staff, pastoral leads in both Primary and Secondary settings.

Cost - **£100 per delegate** (and **£50** for a further delegate from the same school/parish).

** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

**Outcomes**

- To help staff who may have, or are likely to have, bereaved pupils in school
- To consider and explore children’s perceptions of death, loss and separation
- To enable questions and experiences to be shared
- To equip and encourage schools in providing practical and emotional support for their pupils and students

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:


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**Supporting children and young people with bereavement and loss – twilight**

Led by: David Williams (Diocese of Bath and Wells)

Venue – Hillside House

**Thursday 23rd February**

- 16.00-17.30pm

This training is for anyone who works to support pupils in schools: leaders, teachers, support staff, pastoral leads in both Primary and Secondary settings.

Cost - **£50 per delegate** (and **£20** for a further delegate from the same school/parish).

** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

**Outcomes**

- factors affecting grief
- Children’s understanding of death relater to stages of development
- Supporting bereaved children in school
- Children’s perspectives on their experience of a bereavement

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:

[TWILIGHT - Supporting Children and Young People with Bereavement & Loss Tickets, Thu 23 Feb 2023 at 16:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/twilight-supporting-children-and-young-people-with-bereavement-loss-tickets-tickets-387020062149)
Outdoor prayer spaces for spiritual development in schools

Led by- Jane Gillis and Liz Ogborne (Bristol Schools Connection/Prayer Spaces in Schools)

Prayer spaces are a spiritual development experience and can support learning in a range of curricular and extra-curricular areas. They provide a quiet, reflective space where children can consider how they relate to themselves, to others, to the world and to the Divine. There will be a focus on outdoor prayer spaces which also support children to connect with nature.

This training is for anyone involved with spiritual development in schools and partner churches: clergy, LLMs, church volunteers, subject leaders and teachers. We suggest delegates attend in pairs with a representative from church and school.

Monday 7th November - St Michael's Community Centre, Stoke Gifford
➢ 13.30-16.00 OR

Monday 14th November – The Well Church/St Francis Primary School, Swindon
➢ 13.30-16.00 OR

Monday 21st November – Hullavington Church, Wiltshire
➢ 13.30-16.00

This training is for anyone involved with spiritual development in schools and partner churches: clergy, LLMs, church volunteers, subject leaders and teachers. We suggest delegates attend in pairs with a representative from church and school.

Cost - £75 per delegate (and £35 for a further delegate from the same school/parish).
** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

Outcomes
➢ inspiration to create this spiritual development opportunity for your pupils’ learning and wellbeing
➢ practical knowledge you need to host your first prayer space
➢ clarity about the values and ethos that underpin a great prayer space
➢ readiness to work in partnership with your church/school

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:
Prayer Spaces in Schools Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite
Our first virtual Inter-Faith day to celebrate Inter-Faith Week.

Tuesday 15th November

Come and join us for a day of learning through stories led by our SACRE school’s advisor, Laura Harris and two primary teachers/RE leaders.

The morning will be taken up with an online story linked to your year group’s syllabus with an activity called ‘Hidden meaning cubes’ and extra activities if you should need them.

In the afternoon, we will join back together to share what we learnt.

Each year group will take part in a storytelling session with a member of a local faith community also leading a short Q&A session for pupils.

EYFS:

Which stories are special and why.

EYFS – Christianity (Parable Prodigal Son) - storyteller TBC

Key Stage 1:

A2. Retell and suggest meanings to some religious and moral stories, exploring and discussing sacred writings and sources of wisdom and recognising the traditions from which they come.

Year 1 – Judaism (Dance) and the Circle Maker) - Iris Segal, Bristol and Wiltshire Progressive Jewish Community

Year 2 – Islam (Crying Camel or 7 New Kittens) – Abdul Malik, Easton Mosque

Key Stage 2:

A2. Describe and understand links between stories and other aspects of the communities they are investigating, responding thoughtfully to a range of sources of wisdom and to beliefs and teachings that arise from them in different communities.

Year 3 – Christianity (Parable Prodigal Son) – storyteller TBC

Year 4 – Hinduism (Blind man and the Elephant) – Shreya and Aditya

Year 5 – Islam (Crying Camel or 7 New Kittens) – Abdul Malik, Easton Mosque

Year 6 – Humanism (The Star Fish) Matt Evans, Humanists UK

An added bonus!

By being a part of the day, you will be able to tick off an element of the criteria to meet the WIRE Award.

For more information on this event email laura.harris@bristoldiocese.org
Wonder and worship through song

Led by- Kirsten Cunningham and Claire Alsop (Horfield Primary School/Bristol Beacon)
Venue – Horfield Primary School

Friday 18th November – Horfield Primary School, Bristol
➢ 9.30-12.00 OR

Friday 21st April -
➢ 9.30-12.00

This training is for anyone involved with music and worship in schools.

Through lots of singing and sharing of excellent repertoire, Claire and Kirsten will lead you through inspirational songs and hymns suitable for whole school singing, and KS1/KS2 specific songs. The training will consider how to choose repertoire that is meaningful and accessible for you and the children and will introduce different styles of song that might be relevant to different aspects of your school worship, for example Taizé chant when coming together in prayer, part singing, adding a descant or singing in canon. With tips for teaching the songs, reasons for choosing them and a wealth of easy and more challenging repertoire we hope to give you something to sing about.

This training is for anyone involved with spiritual development in schools and partner churches: clergy, LLMs, church volunteers, subject leaders and teachers. We suggest delegates attend in pairs with a representative from church and school.

Cost - **£50 per delegate** (and **£20** for a further delegate from the same school/parish).
** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

Outcomes
➢ inspiration to create this spiritual development opportunity for your pupils' learning and wellbeing
➢ practical knowledge you need to host your first prayer space
➢ clarity about the values and ethos that underpin a great prayer space
➢ readiness to work in partnership with your church/school

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:
Wonder and Worship through Song Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite
SAVE THE DATE!

Booking details to follow…

Annual Regional RE Conference
Engineers’ House, Bristol

Friday 3rd February 2023
New to Headship – Induction and Commissioning Service

Venue: Bristol Cathedral

Wednesday 8th February
➢ 9.00-4.00pm

Cost: £125 per delegate online –
** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

This day is for headteachers newly appointed to a Church of England School since 2022 or those aspiring to be a Headteacher.

Outcomes
➢ to gain greater insights into what it means to be the Headteacher of a Church of England School
➢ reflect on the impact of Christian Distinctiveness on the core purpose of education
➢ know what kind of spiritual leader you are and determine how to be an authentic Head of a Church of England School
➢ be equipped with strategies to lead and monitor the impact of Collective Worship
➢ understand the rubric of the SIAMS inspection process and begin to be equipped to effectively lead your school through an inspection

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:
New to Headship Induction and Commissioning Service Tickets, Wed 8 Feb 2023 at 09:30 | Eventbrite
**Personal Development in CE Schools** *(online)*

**Friday 10th February**  
➢ 9.30-12.30

Cost: **£60 per delegate** (and **£20** for a further delegate from the same school/parish)  
** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

This training is for PSHE leads, SLT and governors. Together we will explore an approach to “Personal Development” that is distinctive and fitting for a CE School

**Outcomes**  
➢ Understand the expectations of the Ofsted Framework in terms of Personal Development (area 3 of the key judgements)  
➢ Exploring what difference the Christian vision of the value of personhood brings to the school’s provision for pupil’s Personal Development  
➢ Take away ideas and examples of good practice

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:  
[Personal Development in Church of England Schools Tickets, Fri 10 Feb 2023 at 09:30](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/personal-development-in-ce-schools-online-tickets-189368383927)

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**Collective Worship in CE Schools** *(online)*

**Monday 6th March**  
➢ 14.00-15.30

Cost: **£45 per delegate** (and **£15** for a further delegate from the same school/parish)  
** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

This training is for Headteachers, Clergy and anyone involved in planning or leading Collective Worship. A time to reflect and focus on Collective Worship in your own school.

**Outcomes**  
➢ Space to consider your school’s priorities and key purposes for Collective Worship  
➢ Some ideas as to how Collective Worship can ensure your school’s vision, values and sense of community  
➢ Examples of great strategies for planning and assessing the impact of worship on the life of your school

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:  
[Collective Worship in a CofE School Tickets, Mon 6 Mar 2023 at 14:00](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/collective-worship-in-ce-schools-online-tickets-190543637597)
**Spiritual Development at the Heart of your School (online)**

**Tuesday 9th May**
- 9.30-12.30pm

Cost: **£60 per delegate** (and **£20** for a further delegate from the same school/parish)
** Schools will be invoiced after the event, initial registration is free

This course is aimed at Headteachers, SLT, Governors and Teachers with SIAMS responsibilities.

**Outcomes**
- a chance to explore how your school can create a definition of Spiritual Development that will fit your context and vision
- ideas of where this can fit right across your curriculum, environment and life of the school
- practical ideas for ensuring age appropriate questioning and activities that will deepen pupil’s spiritual development

To book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:
[Spiritual Development](#)

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

Booking details to follow…

**Learn Teach Lead Annual RE Conference**

**Venue TBC**

**Friday 30th June 2023**
Individual School Training – Diocesan team

Our education adviser team are available for a wide variety of school based additional support and training. You may like to book a staff or governor training session, or an INSET session, on areas such as:

- RE
- Collective Worship
- Spiritual Development
- Church School Vision
- RSHE
- Understanding Christianity

Bespoke training on any area linked with Church School Christian Distinctiveness can be discussed. Please do contact Laura or Katy to arrange.

Training charges:

- Half day - £250
- Full day (up to 6 hours) - £350
- Twilight (up to 1.5 hours) - £125

Individual School Training & Experiences – others

In addition to our Diocesan education team, we would like to recommend a selection of partnerships working across the area in various specialist areas.

Bristol Cathedral Education & Visits

Fiona Dorman, education officer at Bristol Cathedral would love to hear from schools interested in visits to enhance their religious education curriculum, spiritual development and collective worship. The cathedral team offer a wide range of workshops and activities and can tailor sessions to link with the use of Understanding Christianity and the locally agreed syllabus for RE across the Bristol area.

In particular, KS1 teams may like to experience the new ‘Song Trail’ being offered for 22-23, where pupils can encounter the joy and spiritual experience of singing in different locations around the building, exploring different types of music and accompanied by the various amazing instruments the Cathedral has to offer.

Contact: fiona.dorman@bristol-cathedral.co.uk
Jane Gillis and Liz Ogborne (Bristol Schools Connection/Prayer Spaces in Schools)

Bristol Schools Connection work across the Bristol region supporting local church and school to deepen their partnerships, so that together they can create space for spiritual development in schools. They would love to hear from any schools or parish partners who would like to deepen their partnership going forward. After an initial conversation, they can provide a twilight session for school and church partners to suit your context and aims.

Jane and Liz are also representatives of Prayer Spaces in Schools. They would be very happy to work alongside schools and their church partners to explore the spiritual development opportunities that can be offered through the use of the Prayer Spaces approach.

Contact details: liz@bristolschoolsconnection.co.uk  jane@bristolschoolsconnection.co.uk

Kirsten Cunningham and Claire Alsop (Horfield Primary School/Bristol Beacon)

Kirsten Cunningham is part time Assistant Head Teacher and Music Co-ordinator at Horfield CEVC Primary School, leads training as a freelance music consultant for Bristol Beacon and works on other local and national music education projects. She conducts a school choir of 100 KS2 children and enjoys leading music as part of collective worship in school.

Claire Alsop is a Bristol based pianist, organist, composer and arranger. Claire is assistant organist at St Mary Redcliffe church, and as a freelance musician enjoys a range of music-making including teaching, accompanying and solo work. Claire is involved in a wide range of music education activities in Bristol and beyond, and currently supports Horfield CEVC Primary School as a pianist, performing arts lead and composer in residence.

Kirsten and Claire would love to offer support to any schools looking to improve their spiritual development through the use of music and song. Do contact them to discuss your needs.

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Encounter Christianity – https://encounterchristianity.co.uk

We provide free dynamic, interactive RE lessons and workshops based on Bristol’s Agreed Syllabus. We work with primary and secondary schools, providing high quality religious education in accordance with the ethos of the syllabus.

We have 3 aims:

- to enrich local school pupils’ learning in RE and spirituality;
• to provide pupils with first-hand experiences of 21st century Christianity; and
• to build positive community relationships.