

*From Jackie Waters-Dewhurst - Diocesan Director of Education -*

**All shall be well...**



I was very lucky this morning that one of the LAAT advisers, June Richardson sent me a reminder of this wonderful quote.

I have used it often and June is right, it is a wonderfully soothing mantra which has got me through so many difficult moments. Often just repeating it under my breath a few times is enough to gain a peace and a new perspective. What I had forgotten is how relevant the life of the author could be to us today, as June explains below:

Many times I've wondered about Mother Julian and who she was. Until now I've not

had the time to explore her life.

In brief – as the internet provides more details – she was a Catholic anchoress. The word comes from the Ancient Greek, meaning, 'one who has retired from the world'. Apparently, if you visit Norwich you can see her statue.

As an anchoress, Mother Julian chose to live in seclusion in a cell attached to St Julian's church, Norwich – her room no bigger than a small bedroom. This

seems very relevant to all who are in isolation or who are self- isolating today. She also lived through the Black Plague, another connection with our lives today.

She also wrote. More importantly she wrote in her native language – not Latin. Today, her writings, ‘Revelations of a divine love,’ are an important literary work being the oldest surviving manuscript written in English by a woman.

I wonder how her writing supported her isolation. Perhaps it supported her daily routine? I reflect that many of us are lucky to be able to connect with friends and family at this time through the power of the internet. How much harder it must it have been to only write down your experiences and thoughts.



***From Lynsey Norris - Education Development Officer -***

### **Support and Resources**

At this time we are collecting resources to go on our website that will be useful for the children in your school and for you to share with parents, as well as a resource for yourself. We are updating this daily and will keep you informed of what is on there. We hope you will find this useful, currently we have:

### **Collective Worship**

We have some specific resources for the current situation – with thanks to the Diocese of Guildford for these resources

Outdoor wildlife worship from Sanctuary Centre

## **Messages**

Here you will find key messages from myself and the team

## **Other Resources**

Here there is a link to a padlet that is regularly updated with a variety of

The Church of England publication 'Called, Connected and Committed' which includes 24 reflections of leadership practices

'Tell me a dragon' is a beautifully illustrated book (which is also on our website, this is a whole range of activities, not just English, but art and future activities you can do in the garden, or schools grounds. Everything you need is right there including a YouTube clip and some ready-made teacher notes.

Mental Health activities and resources – keep yourself and your children mentally healthy

Active Maths games – a range of fun activities to teach maths

A brand new PopUK song for use in school and for schools to send out to all the families to use at home for free

## **RE Resources**

There are links here for primary and secondary resources.

You can find everything here:

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/page/?title=Covid%2D19&pid=57>

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help**