



From Jackie Waters-Dewhurst, Diocesan Director of Education –

Today's thoughts stem from a really good website and a spot of DIY

Last week I was at a Zoom meeting with over 200 participants – I was amazed at how effective a forum it was. This was the launch of the Church of England's new campaign "Faith at Home". - <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home> - Check out the website, there are some really useful things on it as well as links to all of their partner websites one of which I've used today and is WELL worth a look!

The following links from the launch are for you to use as you will:

This one is a thank you for all that you do –
Thank you to School leaders - <https://youtu.be/M1QrEtPYkbg>

This is one you may want to use with your parents – another thank you –
<https://youtu.be/FTnylCpSVMA>

And this one is unmissably powerful – take time and space to watch it –
My Adonai - <https://www.thefuelcast.com/library/2019-02-21-my-adonai>

So, what else did I get from the Zoom launch?



<https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/prayer-spaces-at-home>

Be Still

- *Equipment Bed Sheets, pillows, beanbag*

- **Set up** *Build a den in your home, make it comfy and peaceful*
- **Instructions** *The word 'holy' simply means, 'set apart'.*

For hundreds of years, people have discovered that being set apart from other people helps them to be more aware of themselves and also of God.

This den is a place to be still.

To breathe slowly.

To be still and listen.

To be with God.

What a powerful, comforting nugget of information – any place where you are 'set apart' is holy space.

My temporary office at home didn't feel much like a place to be still in. It had been a bit of a dumping ground. Tempting as it was to leave it like this, this website idea gave me the inspiration to do something about it. I'm not sure bedsheets and bean bags would have done the job sufficiently robustly so the paint and wallpaper came out.

Set apart, at the top of the house, it is now comfortable enough to feel safe, to feel peaceful. This week and, I suspect, for some weeks to come, this is my Holy place – I am hoping I will hear God.

A David Psalm

23 ¹⁻³ GOD, my shepherd!

I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word,
you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.

⁴ Even when the way goes through

Death Valley,

I'm not afraid

when you walk at my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook

makes me feel secure

May you all find a Holy place in your lives this week.

God bless,

Jackie

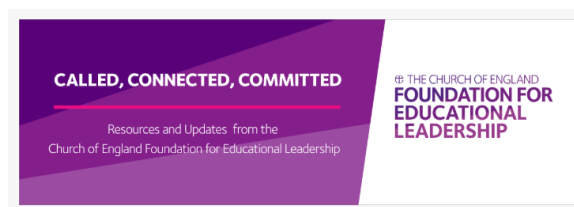
Resources/News from the Team

BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy

New on our website – BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy summaries, from LAAT Schools Effectiveness Advisor’s Vicky Matthews and June Richardson – click [here](#).

Called, Connected, Committed

Click [here](#) to access the latest Called, Connected, Committed newsletter from the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership.



Church of England Education Office & Oak National Academy

The Church of England Education office, in partnership with [Oak National Academy](#), will be releasing content each week from Friday 7th May to support Faith at Home for Primary and Secondary schools.

The list of weekly themes are on the [Faith at Home website](#). This Friday, it will be ‘Hope’.

Dr Bill Gent

We have heard some sad news about a very well-known figure in the RE world. Dr Bill Gent died of Covid-19 at the weekend. Bill was a huge influence on the RE world, and supported and encouraged many, many RE teachers. He started his career in RE as a teacher in Birmingham, before moving into an advisory role in Redbridge, London. He was the editor of Resource/Professional REflection, which made the latest research in RE accessible to teachers around the country. He was also part of the NATRE Executive and an Associate Fellow at Warwick University. We send our thoughts and prayers to his family at this sad time.

Gillian Georgiou

Governance

We are continuing to support schools and governing bodies during this challenging period. We recommend governors maintain contact with their school and each other by email or by holding virtual meetings.

We currently have a number of schools with foundation governor vacancies. If you know anyone who would be interested in applying to be a foundation governor, please contact Tracy Smith for further information: tracy.smith@lincoln.anglican.org

Governor Networking Meeting

Paul Thompson (Deputy Diocesan Director of Education) will host a Governor Networking Meeting on Zoom.

This will be on 10th June (4.30pm to 6pm).

The Zoom meeting will provide an opportunity for governors to meet together virtually to receive diocesan updates, share good practice and to support each other.

We will send further details out about this very soon.