



Thought for the Week

Have you ever noticed that there's a lot of dancing in the Bible? Miriam dances with joy as her brother, Moses, leads the Israelite slaves out of Egypt towards the Promised Land. King David dances before the Ark of the Covenant (the special box built to contain the two tablets of the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses). Even the author of Ecclesiastes acknowledges that there is a "time to dance".

If ever there was a time to dance with joy, it's at the end of SATs week... I hope last week went smoothly for all of you working in primary and junior schools, and that this week you feel a little less stressed. The Bible readings for this week in the Church of England lectionary are full of joyfulness. In Psalm 148, the singer urges the whole of creation to sing out joyfully, praising the God to whom it owes its existence. King Darius, who confines Daniel to the lion's den, is overjoyed (and, no doubt, somewhat relieved) when the prophet is found alive the next day. In Acts 11, Peter has a complete revelation when he realises that God's offer of love and relationship is not just for a special, chosen people, but for the whole of creation. It broadens his perspective and widens his horizon: it brings him great joy to realise that God is, and cares, for everyone.

As we move towards the end of this academic year (where has it gone?!), I wish you moments of joy in your day that remind you of the difference you make in the lives of your pupils and your colleagues, and that reaffirm your commitment to serve your school communities so that all can flourish. We love hearing about the things that bring you joy, so please do share them with us so that we can celebrate along with you.

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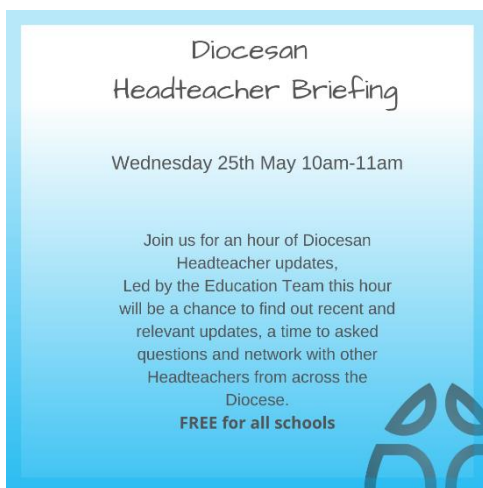
Important Updates and Messages

Social Theology and the Common Good is a series of events organised by Lincoln Cathedral in partnership with Together for the Common Good, the Diocese of Nottingham and Bishop Grosseteste University, in which leading national speakers will explore how Catholic Social Teaching and Anglican Social Theology can renew public life. The first lecture is on **7th June**, with Jenny Sinclair, founder director of Together for The Common Good:

“Just Responsibility? How can social theology help us play our part in spiritual and civic renewal?”

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/CommonGoodLincoln>.

Upcoming Courses



Diocesan
Headteacher Briefing

Wednesday 25th May 10am-11am

Join us for an hour of Diocesan Headteacher updates, Led by the Education Team this hour will be a chance to find out recent and relevant updates, a time to asked questions and network with other Headteachers from across the Diocese.

FREE for all schools

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Diocesan Headteacher Briefing on the 25th May. We will be giving updates and be exploring key messages that have been noted in recent SIAMS and Ofsted reports across out region. If you have not booked in yet please use the link below.

<https://data.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/civcrm/event/info?reset=1&id=5507>

This year we have established a successful network looking at Collective Worship. This is an opportunity to share ideas, look at latest resources and ask questions. If you have not yet booked in please use the link below



Collective Worship
Cluster Meetings

These FREE meetings are an opportunity to get to know other Collective Worship leads across the Diocese, to share good practice, to discover new and useful Collective Worship resources and to keep up-to-date with the latest developments.

9th June 2022 4pm-5pm

Venue: Virtual
Cost: No charge

<https://data.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/civcrm/event/info?reset=1&id=5522>

Schools! – If you have any articles you would like included in the weekly DBE bulletin, to share good practice in our schools then please email ellen.cross@lincoln.anglican.org