



Thought for the Week

What keeps you going?

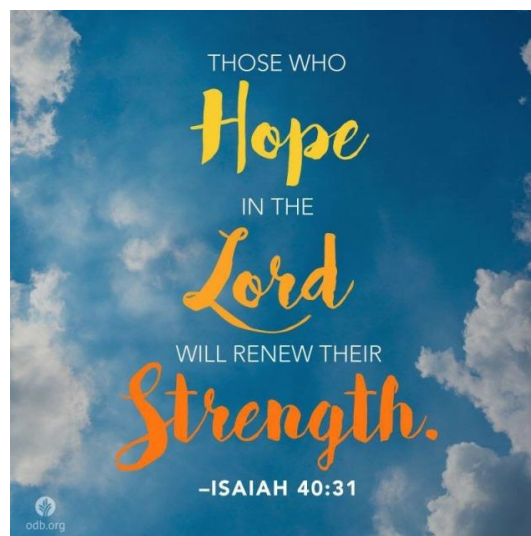
Everyone I speak to in education tells me how busy it is in schools at the moment. It's the first time since the pandemic when the full gamut of summer term activities has run: school trips, residential, sports days, summer fayres, tests, exams, transition days, leavers' services not to mention all the Jubilee events which took place too. All this along with the daily job of making sure children are safe and delivering great lessons to move learning forwards.

There is no wonder that we all feel a little weariness at this time of year and long for the break ahead.

But what keeps you going?

For me it is close proximity with nature that I find restoring. That might be a late evening potter in the garden or simply a glimpse of a beautiful view as I drive between schools across our diocese (a real perk of my job in the summer term!)

For some people it is mindfulness practice that keeps them going or precious time with family and friends. For some it may be exercise and for others it is time for prayer and worship.



I know across our schools it is the strength of your team which many of you find supportive. I know how you all spur each other on, encourage one another and at times pick one another up.

Over the last few weeks of term, I encourage you all to find moments when you can restore and refuel your soul, whether that be a glimpse of nature; the warmth of sun on your back; a conversation with a friend or a moment of prayer and reflection.

And, if it all feels impossible in the last few busy days of term, remember Mark 10 v 27, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'

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Important Updates and Messages

SIAMS 2023 National Update Briefing

Please see below for registration for the SIAMS 2023 National Update Briefing on 3rd November 2022 -

Thursday 3 November 6-7.30pm	SIAMS 2023 – National Update	Register here
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Diocesan School Improvement Offer 2022-2023

'Enabling all children to flourish through wisdom, knowledge and skills'.

Enabling every child to flourish is at the heart of the Church of England's vision for education. To achieve this we need effective schools led by strong and inspired leaders and empowered teaching staff. School development and leaders' decisions and subsequent actions should be shaped and supported by the distinctive Christian vision for your school. Wisdom, knowledge and skills is a core strand of the Church of England's vision for education. It brings together the Christian vision, curriculum provision, teaching and learning, and prioritises support for the most vulnerable in our communities. It also reflects the learning and development needs of our leaders and staff so that they too can flourish.



Our [school improvement offer](#) provides a unique programme underpinned by productive, authentic relationships which takes an innovative, holistic approach to rigorous school development. The programme will provide an external perspective and written reports to support governors whilst also remaining developmental for all staff involved. The starting point of any work is each school's unique context and distinctive Christian vision.

The programme of support has at its core a series of three termly visits by a school effectiveness adviser working in the role of 'critical friend'. Packages can be tailored to meet the needs and priorities of your school. There are further options for schools who do not wish to take up the full annual offer. The offer is now live on our website and can be booked [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss options for your school in more detail. june.richardson@lincoln.anglican.org

PANTS with Makaton

The NSPCC has launched a new free resource for schools and parents **Talk PANTS with Makaton**:

These resources aim to help parents and teachers to talk to children with a range of needs about keeping safe from sexual abuse and have been created in partnership with the Makaton charity. They've adapted the wording of the 5 PANTS rules to make them easier to understand and talk about with Makaton symbols and signs.

These resources include:

- 6 short films
- A guide for parents and carers
- A children's guide
- A printable prompt card pack, which can be laminated and cut into individual cards with a Makaton symbol and sign on each card.

[PANTS Makaton Video Guides and Information](#)