

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life*

*And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.*

Psalm 23.6



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Like many of you, I sat with my family Monday morning and watched the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The combination of simple faith and complex pageantry was awe-inspiring.

Earlier in the day, my daughter asked me whether being Queen meant that Elizabeth was a more important kind of human being. We talked about this a little, exploring the Christian belief that all humans are made in the image of God, and that no person is inherently worth more than any other person, no matter their station in life. The words of the funeral service exemplified this belief beautifully. The Archbishop of Canterbury described the Queen as a follower of Jesus before anything else, and a servant leader *par excellence*. She was not a better human than other humans; she simply had particular responsibilities and duties in relation to the rest of us.

This reminded me of the words of Psalm 8: *what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honour.* We, all of us, are part of a bigger whole – not just a larger community of peoples, but the company of all creation. Christians believe that, like Queen Elizabeth, we are not more important than the rest of the created world, but that we have particular responsibilities in relation to it. The things we do make a difference in the world and it is up to us whether that difference is for good or for ill.

As you move into your week, we wish you courage, calm and a heart full of hope so that you have the confidence to face everything that comes your way. In all that you do, we pray that God's grace sustains you, as it sustained the Queen, as you live out your particular responsibilities as servant leaders in your school communities.

from Gillian Georgiou, RE & SIAMS Advisor



Signposting—Community Resources

Please let Ellen know of any community based organisations etc that you think can help the wider church school family, eg food banks, uniform exchanges etc—

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Upcoming LDBE Courses—

For more information—click the links below!

27-09-22	10-00—12-30	Introduction to working in a church school	Online—click here to book
27-09-22	16-00—18-00	The SIAMS Journey Inspection Day	Online—click here to book
28-09-22	17-30—19-00	Governor Briefing	Online—click here to book
29-09-22	16-00—18-00	Developing Knowledge in the Curriculum: RE - Subject Leadership	Online—click here to book
30-09-22	10-00—15-30	So you want to be a Church School Headteacher	Face to Face—click here to book

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust has just launched this year's project, [\[Extra\]Ordinary Portraits](#) - an exciting new youth arts competition running in partnership with the Royal Drawing School. They are delighted to invite you to the online launch event to find out more about this, and the new, free school materials.

On **Wednesday 28 September 2022, 16:00 – 17:00 (BST)**, their team will present a selection of brand-new resources, designed to enable you to mark HMD in meaningful ways, and will talk through [Extra]Ordinary Portraits, which invites young people to create a portrait of someone affected by the Holocaust or genocide, or a victim of identity-based persecution.

They will also showcase their new [Ordinary Objects, Extraordinary Journeys](#) website - created together with The National Holocaust Centre and Museum and in partnership with The Jewish Museum of Greece - and the accompanying educational resource.

You will hear from two of the [Extra]Ordinary Portraits judges - award-winning artist Gideon Summerfield and Antoinette Mutabazi, a survivor of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. Gideon and Antoinette will explore the power of art as a tool for Holocaust and genocide education, and will be on hand to answer any questions and give advice to anyone thinking of entering the competition.

[Register here for the resources launch](#)



Great Big Green Week

Getting ready for Great Big Green Week over the next two weekends, attached to this email are:

Secondary Age pack

Primary Age pack

Each pack has ideas for running sessions with young people, encouraging them to ask their church to do more for the Environment, specifically by the congregation and church signing up to the Creation Care scheme. The packs have their own video that can be shown to introduce the ideas. It's aimed primarily at children (but is also hoping to stir adults into action a little!)

You can watch the videos here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pPKBsruQWY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xNKQr50kMI&t=145s>

Saving Creation Toolkit

Leeds Diocese have been developing a suite of resources for their Diocesan Schools - Saving Creation Toolkit for Schools <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/about/education/education-saving-creation/> to start to encourage them to take action on net zero, which they have kindly shared.