

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Every stage of our lives offers fresh opportunities. Responding to divine guidance, try to discern the right time to undertake or relinquish responsibilities without undue pride or guilt. Attend to what love requires of you, which may not be great busyness

Quaker Faith & Practice - Advices & Queries 28

We always have too much to do.

Even when we're doing nothing, we feel we should be doing something.

As a Quaker, I attend Quaker Meeting for Worship—where it looks like we're doing nothing - we sit and wait on God, in silence. In a circle, or online, we come together and wait, expectantly, with hope and openness. Sometimes people fidget, yawn, sleep. We might read - there's always a copy of our Faith & Practice on the table, with a Bible perhaps - and some flowers. Sometimes God speaks freely, sometimes not at all. But we're actively listening, to God and each other and ourselves.

Advices & Queries 28 is one of my favourite passages - it's a reminder to listen and discern, to God, the Spirit, one another. It's a reminder to put the oxygen mask on yourself before helping others. And a reminder that giving something up might be right, and that extending the kindness we give to each other to ourselves is divine.

Whether you're leading a school, a class, or team, or whether you're just trying to do your best - sometimes love requires us to stop, listen, and sometimes give up. Give up control, or a task - and ask for help, extending to ourselves the kindness we find for others.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-3

from **Ellen Cross**, DBE
Administrator





Upcoming LDBE Courses—

For more information—click the links below!

11-10-22	10.00-11.00	Diocesan Headteacher Briefing	Online—click here
11-10-22	16.00-18.00	Developing a Distinctive and Effective Church School - Vision	Online—click here
13-10-22	10.30-12.30	Bishop’s Visitor Regional Meeting—Lincoln	Face to face—click here
18-10-22	13.00-15.00	Understanding Christianity Refresher	Online—click here
19-10-22	10.00-15.30	Wellbeing for Church School Leaders	Face to face—click here

iSingPOP!

iSingPOP are releasing their new classroom worship sessions for after half term. This term is based on Aspirations , Advent and Christmas. For after Christmas the series is on Creativity and then a 5 week mini series on the big story of the Bible starting in creation leading up to Easter. For more details head to



<https://www.isingpop.org/schools>

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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Checking the Pulse, Developing Collective Worship and the Spiritual Life of the School

The SIAMS 2021-2022 highlighted that Spiritual Development across the school was an area for development. This conference is to equip to you move forward in developing the spiritual life of your school.

Our keynote speakers and practical workshops will help you on your school's journey of spirituality.

Rebecca Swansbury is the Deputy Diocesan Director of Education at the Diocese of Canterbury. In her previous role with the Diocese as Schools Officer she was responsible for RE, Collective Worship and Christian distinctiveness. You may know her from her excellent document 'William and Lucy Lead Collective Worship' which support schools in pupils planning, leading and evaluation Collective Worship.

Lucy Moore is the Head of the Growing Faith Foundation. The Growing Faith Foundation started as a concept in 2019 to promote stronger partnerships between the Church, schools and households through various initiatives at both diocesan and parish level. Also the former founder of Messy Church Lucy has great insight into taking spirituality wider than collective worship.

Date: Wednesday 30th November 2022

Time: Arrival from 9:30am for 10am-3:30pm

Venue: The Showroom, Tritton Rd, Lincoln LN6 7QY

Cost

Staff: £180 (non SLA £285)

Governors: £140 (non SLA £220)

Clergy: £75

To book click here <https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10&pid=9&viewid=1&event=271>



Schools' Visit St George's Park!

St Peter at Gowts CE Primary School footballers, in partnership with Lincoln City Foundation, joined The Prince of Wales on a visit to St George's Park on Wednesday to celebrate its 10th anniversary as the home of English football. Representing Lincoln along with children from Bishop King CE Primary School, the girls and boys teams competed in a tournament at the state-of-the-art facility, home of England



Football. The Prince of Wales took his time to watch some of the football and meet several children and staff members from teams across the Midlands. This was an exciting and memorable day and we hope it inspires our children and encourages a love of sport.
from Sam Magee—St Peter at Gowts CofE Primary School

Spirited Arts—Lincoln St Faith & St Martin CofE Junior School



Imogen Bond, a Y5 pupil from St Faith St Martin has received a special mention for her submission to the annual national Spirited Arts competition! Congratulations Imogen—

[Our Roasted World \(natre.org.uk\)](http://natre.org.uk)