

Dear Colleagues

I was struggling to write this reflection this week.

Strangely, after years of leading remembrance services I thought it would come easily. Perhaps I could find a poem or use one of the familiar remembrance phrases but this year that does not feel enough.

The war in Ukraine intrudes all my thoughts. Ever present in our daily news, I am sure we all share the horror of the destruction that has been wrought on this country and its people.

I think of those impacted by this war and consider how this was true for wars past as well as present.

I think of those who have gone to fight and the fears they must face. Of those who have lost their lives and who they left behind. And finally, of those who have been uprooted from their homes and dispersed around the globe.



I reflect further on the complex web of emotion which is remembrance...

A raw grief

A fierce pride in a life of courageous service

A fading memory

Regret

Resentment

Anger

But mostly ... love



This week we will come together in our communities to remember the service and sacrifice of others from our country and around our globe. We also remember that God, through Jesus' life and example shows another way. A way of hope - the way of peace.

'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' John 16v33

A prayer for World peace

O God of the nations,

as we look to that day when you will gather people

from north and south, east and west,

into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom,

guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel

for the nations of the world,

that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Church of England website

From June Richardson, School Effectiveness Adviser

National SIAMS Update 2023

Following the national SIAMS update webinar on 3rd November, there are five key documents for reference, and for circulation to schools. All are now publicly available and can be found on the [SIAMS website](#) along with the [link](#) to the recording of the webinar.

1. **SIAMS Framework.** This will be implemented from September 2023, replacing the current Evaluation Schedule.
2. **Transitional Guidance for Schools.** This is an advisory document that offers additional help for schools. It briefly explains some of the rationale that underpins the new Framework and is designed to help schools and trusts over the coming year.
3. **Ongoing self-evaluation template.** This is referred to in the Transitional Guidance. Its use is not mandatory
4. **Summary self-evaluation template.** This is referred to in the Transitional Guidance. Its use is not mandatory
5. **National Update slides.** This is a pdf of the slides used at the national update sessions.

All documents mentioned above are available on the Church of England website, and on the LDBE website: <https://www.lincolndioceseeducation.com/siams>

Forthcoming Courses

08/11/2022 4pm-6pm

Developing Knowledge in the Curriculum: RE - Christian Worldviews (Substantive)

09/11/2022 4pm-6pm

The SIAMS Journey Moving Forward

10/11/2022 4pm-6pm

SEND: Flourishing in Hope, Wisdom Dignity and Community

15/11/2022 4pm-6pm

Developing a Distinctive and Effective Church School - Wisdom

16/11/2022 1pm-4pm

Developing Knowledge in the Curriculum: RE - Theology (Disciplinary)

16/11/2022 4pm-6pm

Collective Worship Going Deeper: Inclusive

22/11/2022 4pm-6pm

Developing Inclusion Through the Vision for Education: SEND

29/11/2022 4pm-6pm

School Admissions

For more information about our training events, and to book, please see our website: <https://www.lincolndioceseeducation.com/professional-development-by-subject>

Conference on Wednesday 30th November 2022

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

We can now confirm all the workshops for the afternoon. Please see the attached flyers and agenda for more details.

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

Rebecca Swansbury — the Deputy Diocesan Director of Education at the Diocese of Canterbury. In her previous role with the Diocese, as Schools Officer, Rebecca 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 — 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>





William Farr Church of England Comprehensive School

70th Anniversary (1952 – 2022)

On 5 October 2022 William Farr Church of England Comprehensive School celebrated its 70th anniversary with a ceremony at Lincoln Cathedral.

More than 2000 students, staff and special guests attended the event to mark the special day.

Headteacher Jonathan Knowler told the assembled crowd that the school had survived for 70 years because of the core values “cementing our foundations”.

The school was opened in 1952 - the same year Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne - when the Reverend William Farr spent his life savings on buying land for a new school.

Please see links below for the full article and photographs of the Cathedral Service.



[William Farr Celebrates its 70th anniversary.docx](#)

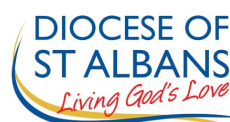


[70th Anniversary Lincoln Cathedral 5 Oct 22.pptx](#)

Heart for the Earth Resources available from the Diocese of St Alban's

Climate change is a key moral and spiritual issue of our time. St Alban's diocesan education team has produced *Heart for the Earth*, a school-based resource that will encourage church schools to theologically and practically reflect on the issues of climate change, which will be released in instalments over 2 years.

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/schools/collective-worship/heart-for-the-earth/>



Cost of Living

We know things are hard for many families and staff with the current cost of living. We have started to draw together places of information and support on our website, in geographical areas to help you find support easily. This is in no way complete, as there will be much more out there that we are not aware of.

If you are aware of any areas of support that are not school specific and would be beneficial to share please email Lynsey Norris : lynsey.norris@lincoln.anglican.org

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/costofliving>



The Royal British Legion are bringing KS2 children together on Friday 11th November to explore the theme of service through a live interactive event. This has been co-produced with the National Literacy Trust and will feature music, film, art, interviews and culminate in the 2 minute silence at 11am. The link to register for this can be found here:

[Teaching Remembrance](#) | [Learning Resources](#) | [Royal British Legion](#)

Archbishops' Young Leaders Award Free Advent Resource

A new free resource for Advent this year: **'Follow the Star – Advent Journeys'**. The resource is available for pre-order and will be released as a full resource on 31st October. Schools can pre-order or sign up here: <https://www.abyyt.com/advent>

As we journey towards Christmas this Advent season, we invite schools to join us in exploring some of the journeys made in the Christmas story and to consider how these can help and inspire us on our own journeys in life. Join us in taking a look at the journeys made by Mary as she visits Elizabeth, by Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem and by the shepherds and wise men as they travel to meet and celebrate Jesus. The journeys offer us an invitation to hope, search, follow and rejoice.

Over four weeks the resource will explore what we can learn from these journeys and how they can inspire us to reach out and make a difference to others in our communities this Advent.

Each week includes:

Bible passage activity

Video Exploration

Questions to reflect on

Challenges

Prayer

This resource can be used in the classroom or in collective worship. Challenges can be done individually or as a group or class.

We also have information webinars running about the Young Leaders Award programme and schools can sign up to find out more here: www.abyyt.com/events.

