



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

26. Do you recognise the needs and gifts of each member of your family and household, not forgetting your own? Try to make your home a place of loving friendship and enjoyment, where all who live or visit may find the peace and refreshment of God's presence.

Advices and Queries, Quaker Faith and Practice

May 15th is International Day of Families. The above quote is from Advices and Queries - the bare bones of Quakerism, in written form - recognising the fundamental importance of biological and found family.

Recognising, as well, that we all have unique gifts to bring - all of us. It can be hard to remember this, when self-doubt and lack of self-confidence attack us - our gifts are then often better seen by colleagues, friends, and family. My grandfather was a headteacher of primary schools, he was gifted in drawing out pupils' potential, encouraging their aspirations. His was a deep Christian faith, where the Kingdom of God could be seen and made by all.

The uniqueness of our gifts is beautiful, an outworking of what we have been given by God.

The follower of Jesus is to discover and then promote the Kingdom of God. That Kingdom has two tenses: it is already here, in each one of us; and it is still to come, when God's goodness becomes a universal norm. We are to live now 'as if' the Kingdom of God were already fulfilled.

Peace begins within ourselves. It is to be implemented within the family, in our meetings, in our work and leisure, in our own localities, and internationally. The task will never be done. Peace is a process to engage in, not a goal to be reached.

Sydney Bailey, 1993

Quaker Faith and Practice 24:57

We like to remember our church school family, too - coming together for Church Schools' Festival, drawing on the expertise and support of the DBE team, looking to one another for help. Asking for help is recognising the gifts of others.

As we try and make our environments ones of loving friendship and enjoyment, where God's goodness becomes a universal norm, we can draw on our families - their gifts, and ours, to promote the Kingdom of God.

from Ellen Cross, DBE Administrator



Upcoming LDBE Courses—

For more information—click the links below!

<u>17/05/2023</u>	<u>1600:18:00</u>	<u>SIAMS: Living up to your Foundation From Sept 2023 and beyond</u>	<u>Online</u>
<u>06/06/2023</u>	<u>13:00-16:00</u>	<u>Developing Knowledge in the Curriculum: RE - Philosophy (Disciplinary)</u>	<u>Face to Face</u>
<u>07/06/2023</u>	<u>16:00-18:00</u>	<u>Governor Roles and Responsibilities</u>	<u>Online</u>
<u>13/06/2023</u>	<u>10:00-15:30</u>	<u>Headteacher development day 3</u>	<u>Face to face</u>
<u>14/06/2023</u>	<u>16:00-17:00</u>	<u>Collective Worship Cluster</u>	<u>Online</u>



SIAMS 2023-24—Schools likely to be inspected

The National SIAMS teams has just published the list of schools that are *likely* to have a SIAMS inspection in the next academic year 2023 to 2024.

The list can be found [here](#). On that, you will see that there are many church schools in our diocese to be inspected next year.

Please note this list does not guarantee that a school will be inspected but it is likely that it will be.

You will be aware that a revised SIAMS framework comes into operation from September 2023. It is important that all schools are familiar with the framework and its expectations. The diocesan education team offers lots of support and training on SIAMS for staff and governors. Please see our website at <https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/siams>

If a school has not yet joined the diocesan service level agreement (SLA) for next year, please can I encourage you to do so, so that we are able to provide the best and most cost effective training and support for the school.

Please note that the current SIAMS list for 2022-2023 remains unchanged and so it is still *likely but not guaranteed* that a school will be inspected before the summer if your school is on that list. That list is also on our website.

If you have any questions about the SIAMS inspection schedule, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the DBE team. The lead SIAMS adviser is Gillian Georgiou at gillian.georgiou@lincoln.anglican.org



Conference for Governors of Church Schools and Academies

Date: 27th June 2023

Venue: The Showroom, Tritton Road, Lincoln

A conference to inspire and equip governors.

Keynotes speakers:

The Ven. Dr. Justine Allain Chapman, Archdeacon of Boston
Will Ryan, author of 'Dare to be different'.

Choice of workshops, including:

Preparing for SIAMS
Developing effective monitoring processes
What makes good governance

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A conference to inspire and equip governors of the church school and academy family.

27TH JUNE 2023
9:45am - 3:30pm

**The Showroom,
Tritton Rd, Lincoln,
LN6 7QY**

Workshops

- Preparing for Inspection (SIAMS)
- Developing effective monitoring processes to inform self-evaluation
- What makes good governance?
- Opportunities to network and ask questions

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For more details go to <https://www.lincolndioceसानeducation.com/professional-development-by-subject> or scan the QR code

Bishop Nicholas is cycling 407 miles to raise money for charity!



Since the pandemic and the onset of the cost of living crisis many families are under huge financial pressure. Bishop Nicholas is cycling 407 miles to raise money for the Bishop of Lincoln's Ready for School Fund.

The Fund aims to support schoolchildren who are lacking the things they need in order confidently to access the full life of school and the curriculum. Grants are given to meet some of the identified needs of individual pupils. Items such as school uniform, PE Kit, maths equipment

and lunchboxes are just some examples of where the fund can be put to work.

407 miles isn't a random distance! It will allow him to complete his two-wheeled visits to every mainland Anglican cathedral in England, Scotland and Wales - a bicycle journey that he began when he was a parish priest and that he hopes to end in Inverness on Sunday 14th May 2023. It is his way of saying 'thank you', also, to everyone who kindly supported him following his surgery last autumn.

UPDATE—Bishop Nicholas has completed his cycle ride, but you can still support him, and the fund, below—

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nicholas-chamberlain>

Nicholas Chamberlain

Journey's end in Inverness. A stiff headwind and a sharp shower - but safe arrival!

