
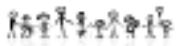




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DERBY DIOCESE CHURCH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WE SEEK TO OFFER OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

Matters of the Heart

I have spoken to numerous people since the summer break and many have commented on the holiday being a time of rest but also of “grounding” and opportunity to re-establish priorities. In the intense public scrutiny of the jobs that we do it can be so easy to lose sight of what is important. Engrossed in a manmade task-driven agenda, I can easily lose sight of what really matters and fail to see the wood for the trees.

I attend a house group Bible study and so often we have concluded that the heart behind what we do really matters to God. (See Genesis 4) How we live our lives can be an act of worship. A response to God’s grace reflected in how we adore and ascribe greatness to Him. I am reminded again of God’s priorities when anointing a King: *But the Lord said to Samuel, “For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”* (1Sam 16v7)

The word heart is often used to describe a spiritual response in both the old and new testament. Even God is described as having a troubled heart in Genesis 6:6. In the new testament the word heart (Greek *Kardia*) is repeatedly used by Jesus. When asked about the greatest commandment Jesus, referring to Deuteronomy, said, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”* Jesus also included a second commandment that is **like it**. *“Love your neighbour as yourself.”* (Matthew 22:36-40)

As we love God, we are called into service of our neighbour; **deeply Christian serving the common good**. God does not want meaningless worship he wants social justice. *“I can’t stand your religious meetings. I’m fed up with your conferences and conventions. I want nothing to do with your religion projects, your pretentious slogans and goals. I’m sick of your fund-raising schemes, your public relations and image making. I’ve had all I can take of your noisy ego-music. When was the last time you sang to me? Do you know what I want? I want justice—oceans of it. I want fairness—rivers of it. That’s what I want. That’s all I want.”* (Amos 5:21-24, The Message)

I believe our call to serve to the common good is vital. *Church schools are not faith schools for the faithful but church schools for the community.* This year the Diocesan Board of Education will be focussing on how we can further develop our service to the community. An introductory booklet has been dispatched with this newsletter. Please do take time to find out how you can embrace this diocesan wide priority.

David

Introduction to new members of staff

Jackie Stirland

Hello! I am delighted to have joined DDAT in September. I come from a Primary education background having taught all year groups as a class teacher, culminating in being the Head Teacher of two Primary Schools in Nottingham and a Local Leader of Education. Since leaving headship I became a Senior School Improvement Officer for Derby City Council, where I have been working closely with 17 schools. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the roles I have undertaken during my career. The opportunity to work closely with Head Teachers, senior leadership teams, governors and staff, has been exciting, at times challenging, but definitely a privilege. Advising and guiding schools through various situations has definitely been personally very rewarding and I love the role. DDAT is warm, supportive and welcoming yet provides the appropriate amount of challenge to move schools forward. This is what enticed me to join their team, as partnership working, in my opinion, is essential to school improvement. I am really excited about the future and I am looking forward to meeting and working with you all.



Shakher Khaliq (Shak)

I started working with the Diocese of Derby in 2014 as Finance Officer for Derby Diocese Board of Finance. My role involved maintaining part of the finance function for DBE. Overtime, this role grew to encompass the whole of the finance function. When the opportunity of working full time for the Board of Education as Deputy Director of Business arose, I found the offer too good to resist and transferred into the department in July. Part of this role will involve me visiting the schools within the Diocese and working with you on buildings and finance. I have spoken to some of you over the phone in the past few years and look forward to meeting everyone in person later in the year.



Sara Tucker

I am the new HR Officer for DDAT and DDAT2. I am very excited about joining DDAT in this brand new role and look forward to meeting you and your schools soon. I am a qualified HR professional with many years of HR experience working mainly within Local Government Education/Social Care & Health departments across Nottinghamshire. I've also spent a number of enjoyable years at Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service supporting their HR provision. More recently, I've been part of a dedicated support staff team within a large and extremely busy inner City school in Derby - a position I thoroughly enjoyed - supporting school managers across a whole range of HR issues. I have also recently been re-elected as a parent Governor at my daughter's school, which I enjoy immensely.



Magpie Ideas

As we visit schools we pick up all sorts of creative ideas and here are just a few of them;

Hathersage St. Michael's VA Primary has found a creative and workable solution to limited space in classrooms for a permanent reflective space

for the pupils as well as making strong links between what happens in whole school collective

worship and what happens back in class. Each class has been given a red tray (the colour of the school uniform!) with a simple prompt card and a few symbols and objects for the current theme in collective worship. This forms the focal point of collective worship wherever it takes place

(outside, in a circle, around tables). It is then for the pupils and teachers to decide how

they will then further explore the theme together and how to create a space in the classroom. What has resulted from this simple approach is a varied and creative range of responses owned by the pupils and developed by the class teachers which allow the spiritual development to be part and parcel of the classroom environment and appropriate to each age group.



The Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership (CEFEL)

We have become part of a new partnership which has been set up to support transformational leadership development for school leaders in the East Midlands. The CEFEL will be working with the Dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lincoln and Southwell & Nottingham from September.

The partnership is a response to increasing pressures on headteachers and others in school, and aims to develop new leaders for the future as well as reduce the number of headteachers leaving the profession.

School leaders will be able to join a cohort drawn from across the region to work towards the Church of England Professional Qualification for Headship. The programme offers participants the opportunity to combine their personal and professional development, and to explore approaches to leadership rooted in the Church of England's vision for education.

In addition, a Peer Support Network will bring together school leaders to work on shared priorities whilst learning from each others' experiences. For further information please contact alison.brown@derby.anglican.org.

Community - Shared Value of the Year

This term sees the first time that the Board of Education has instigated a 'value of the year' to provide a focus for all our schools and many of the events and training that we are laying on. We hope that it will provide a real impetus for schools to develop their Christian vision and a useful framework for character education. We are delighted that Bishop Alastair is supporting this initiative by having one of the Bishop Badges that he awards each year to be for any school showing real imagination and creativity in how it has explored this year's value of community. Please see the accompanying leaflet in this term's mailing for further ideas and support. It can also be found on our website at <http://derby.anglican.org/education/>. Included in that and following on from Dave's thoughts about the heart is a practical out working of that to the benefit of the communities that schools serve. He is keen to explore the possibility of all our schools having a defibrillator installed. Read the leaflet for further details.

Woodthorpe VC Primary have a simple but effective display of all the pupils' photos which gets to the heart of what church schools are:



A group of schools served by one parish priest had a summer celebration for all the pupils. Darley Churchtown VC Primary, Elton VC Primary, South Darley VC Primary and Winster VC Primary came together for a picnic lunch at the local cricket ground, followed by games and activities. The afternoon was finished by an act of collective worship together lead by Bishop Jan.



Resources



Free Collective Worship Resources for Marking the 90th Anniversary of Derby Diocese

have been written by Alison and are available at <http://derby.anglican.org/education/schools/collective-worship/collective-worship-resources/>



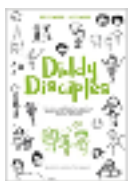
Life Savers is a financial education programme for primary schools, helping children and their families manage money wisely.

It was born out of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Task Group on Responsible Credit and Savings. Go to www.lifesavers.co.uk for various resources for both the classroom and collective worship linked with Christian values. They are also offering free 3 hour CPD for the first 250 schools who register. So don't miss that opportunity.



Thank Your Vicar Week 15-22 October 2017.

For resources and ideas go to <http://stlukeshealthcare.org.uk/?s=thank+your+vicar>



Diddy Disciples is worship and Bible storytelling by Sharon Moughtin-Mumby: Anglican priest, Bible scholar, writer, and mother. This is for babies, toddlers and young children written mainly for a church setting but can be easily transferred to a school one. Sharon will be leading a workshop at our Church Schools' Conference in October.



Kolkata resources will soon be available. Included will be ideas and many photos of life and schools in Kolkata. It will give you and your pupils a better idea of the links we have with the schools there.

Dates for Diaries 2017-18

Head Teacher Meeting

29 Nov
8 Mar
20 June
9.00-3.30

NQT Training

17 Oct
13 Feb
23 May
Willerley Castle, Cromford

Collective Worship Coordinator's Training

14 Mar Chatsworth
20 Mar Jury's Inn
9.30-3.30

Head Teacher School Improvement Briefings

4 Oct
8 Feb
24 May
8.30 am- 12 noon
Willerley Castle, Cromford

Teachers New to Church Schools

9 Nov
Willersley Castle, Cromford
9.30-3.30

RE Coordinator's Training

5 June Chatsworth
6 June Jury's Inn, Derby
9.30-3.30

Church School Governor

Induction 7-8.30pm
6 Nov St Anne's VC, Baslow
16 Nov Walter Evans, Derby
21 Nov St Lukes' VC Glossop

2017 Church Schools' Conference

30 Oct 2017
The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

NEWS

SIAMS

From September 2018 onwards there will be a new SIAMS framework that we will working with. It will look quite different to the one we have used for the last few years. We will be providing training for school leaders, clergy and governors. So, please make it a priority to book your place on these once we have confirmed the dates. In the meantime please visit our website for the list of inspectors who regularly inspect in Derby Diocese and for our inspection protocol.

GOVERNOR TRAINING

As from January 2018 we will be offering a more focussed form of church school governor training . Details of this will be sent into schools in the Spring term.

Welcome to New Head Teachers:

Jonathan Gallimore acting executive head for St James' VA Infant and Junior.

Helen Walker acting head of school St James' VA Junior

Kathryn Leach acting head of school StChad's VC. Infant