

Schools' Autumn Newsletter September 2017

From the Director of Education

DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Welcome back to the new term!

In my opening note I simply want to re-inforce the message about the importance of the Schools' Conference on 28th September which explores the relevance of the Church of England's [Vision for Education](#) for all schools and the work of the Board of Education.

We are excited at what the document says and we have an opportunity to listen to one of its authors, Prof David Ford and also be led through new materials for schools to explore how it might influence your development and thinking by Andy Wolfe, Networks Manager with The Church of England's Foundation for Educational Leadership.

The document is so important that it is informing the development of the revised SIAMS schedule that will probably come in next September.

Remember that the conference is open to all and it would be beneficial if a representative of your school could be present; school leader, governor or clergy.

Bishop Robert will be speaking in the afternoon about how the strategic mission of the diocese as a whole impacts on schools and their links with churches. Another first is that the day will finish with a Communion led by Bishop Robert. For a conference booking form please click [here](#).

Our May conference will be directed at governors and include an update on SIAMS. If you can only make one conference this year then can I urge you to attend the September conference.

We once again welcome new colleagues into our church school family

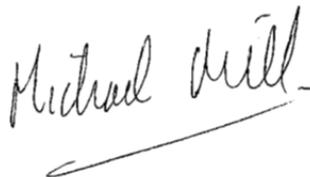
Captain Shaw, Bootle - Adelaide Morris from George Romney

Culgaith - Tom Armstrong from Castle Carrock

Langwathby - Sally Hay from Wigton Infants

St James Infants, Whitehaven - Michael Craig from Newlathes Infants

Threlkeld - Nick Turley from St Peter's RC School, Scarborough



Christian Leadership Course

Congratulations to Rachel Battersby (Cartmel), Maggie Cole (St Thomas's, Kendal), Peter Mills (Captain Shaw's), Gill Pett (Flookburgh), Ayesha Weston (Crosby on Eden) and Richard Wilson (Burton Morewood) who successfully completed the 2016-17 Christian Leadership course. A celebration service took place at Blackburn Cathedral.



The Understanding Christianity Project

We are coming to the end of the first round of Understanding Christianity training. The feedback from teachers, pupils and SIAMS inspectors has been very positive and we are already seeing the training impacting on pupil learning and teacher subject knowledge. I would strongly encourage you to ensure representatives from your school are involved in the training. It is challenging yet highly rewarding and enjoyable. If you would like to be involved in the next round of training please return the [application form](#) to Nancy Lush (education@carlisle-diocese.org.uk)

Peer Support Network

A group of Cumbrian head teachers have been involved in a Peer Support Network through the Foundation for Educational Leadership. They have been looking specifically at how children's resilience can and is being developed through the Christian vision of Perseverance. As a result of this work they have been invited to present at the forthcoming national conference on Character Education being organised by the Foundation. We are looking to establish another Peer Support Network group that will focus on the leadership of teaching and learning. Please see attached [flyer](#) for further information. If this is something you are interested in possibly being involved in please contact Deborah Smith at deborah.smith@carlisle-diocese.org.uk, 01768 807767. Jan Allon-Smith (jan.allon.smith@gmail.com, 07802 770964) will continue in her role as network facilitator.

The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal 2017

Harvesting a brighter future

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This year our Harvest Appeal begins a three-year commitment to two remarkable projects in South Africa and Malawi, which will help vulnerable farmers to thrive. I hope you are as excited as I am to follow the progress of these projects and see how our harvest gifts and prayers bring hope and joy.

In Zululand, South Africa, we are supporting the extension of a successful project delivered by USPG. We will be helping people like Sliso learn how, through their own strengths and resources, they can provide food for their families. In Malawi we are supporting an innovative Christian Aid project to enable farmers like Magalita to adapt to climate change and flourish in very challenging conditions.

I hope that you will be inspired by these stories of harvesting a brighter future. Your support will make more transformation possible. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:9: 'we are partners working together for God, and you are God's field'.

Resources can be downloaded from the diocesan [website](#).

Thank you.

The Rt Revd James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle

Consultancy Team

Click [here](#) for an up to date list of our consultancy team. We are delighted to welcome Richard Cox, former senior adviser for the Local Authority in the west of the county as part of the team



Update on Foundation for Educational Leadership

CofE NPQH

During 2016-17 Carlisle Diocese was part of the North West pilot for the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership. A group of 5 headteachers and senior leaders successfully undertook the first ever Church of England Professional Qualification in Headship (CofEPQH.) Participants reflecting on the course stated:

‘It is a reminder of how important it is to educate the whole person and to live life in all its fullness.’

‘Networking with other schools and staff within and outside of Cumbria is brilliant, especially as a new Head teacher.’

‘Using the vision document to support what we may want to achieve within my school... I feel it is now always at the forefront of my mind when making decisions in school. It is also helping me to shape where my school is going.’

‘I would definitely recommend this course to anyone thinking of becoming a head teacher or any new head teacher. It links Christian teaching and the leadership of schools really well. I know from this course that I have been doing a lot of managing, which all schools need but I need to focus more on the leadership to drive the school forward.’

The Foundation for Educational Leadership is delighted to announce that they have been successful in their bid to become providers of the [National Professional Qualification for Headship](#). Registrations of interest and applications are currently being taken for the 2017-18 course, due to start in January 2018. The programme cost is £2000(+VAT). There are a limited number of bursaries available which schools are encouraged to apply for. Click [here](#) for frequently asked questions. If you are interested in applying or would like further information please contact cefel@churchofengland.org or Deborah Smith deborah.smith@carlisle-diocese.org.uk

The Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders in Church Schools

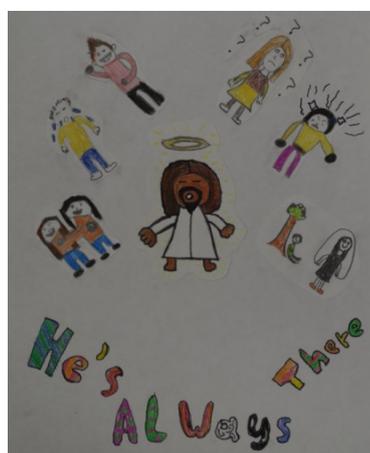
This 5-day programme has been specifically designed in collaboration with the five North West Dioceses and Liverpool Hope University to support aspiring, and newly appointed, middle leaders working within a Christian school context. The programme will enable participants to explore and articulate their personal values and mission, have a better understanding of the distinctive mission and vision of Church of England schools and the role of middle leaders in these settings. It will provide participants with the opportunity to critically engage with leadership and management theories/research and how these relate to, and support, the understanding and development of personal leadership capabilities and practices. Click [here](#) for further information.

Cathedral Leavers' Service

624 children from 37 schools attended the services over three days. The services were fun and interactive, led by Canon Michael Manley. Feedback has been very positive.



Children from Dent CE School were this year's winners of the competition to design the artwork for the service brochure. Year 6 pupils, Cameron Milburn, Annie Rainford and Amber Woof created the striking and colourful artwork which was used to design an eye-catching cover.





Dates for your Diary

[Diocesan Schools' Autumn Conference](#) - Thursday 28th September 2017
at Newton Rigg

Remember that the conferences are open to all, not just heads and clergy.

Date	Course	Venue	Time
17/10/17	<u>Module1 - Church Schools - An Introduction to the Basics and Church/School links</u>	Leven Valley CE School	6.30—8.30pm
07/11/17	<u>Module 2 - Preparing for Diocesan Inspection (SIAMS)</u>	Church House, Penrith	6.30—8.30pm
21/11/17	<u>Module 3 - Distinctive Christian Character</u>	Eaglesfield Paddle CE Primary Academy	6.30pm-8.30pm
30/11/17	<u>Module 4 - RE and Collective Worship</u>	Leven Valley CE School	6.30 - 8.30pm

Feedback from Summer Term training

Module 2 Preparing for Diocesan Inspection (SIAMS) 26th April 2017

'Gave me further insight as to what is expected from me as a governor.'

'Very clear in what I need to relate to colleagues and governors on SIAMS preparation.'

'What I now know will help move the school forward in readiness for next year's inspection.'

Module 3 Distinctive Christian Character 10th May 2017

'Challenging and thought provoking, definitely worth attending.'





Making the Most of Moving Mountains

Across Cumbria, churches are embracing the God for All vision that, by 2020 everyone in the county, of all ages and backgrounds, will have had an opportunity to discover more of God and of his purpose for their lives, so that they have an opportunity to become followers of Jesus Christ.

This vision provides the backdrop to the Moving Mountains Mission which takes place 8-11 March 2018. During that time, churches throughout Cumbria will be joined by Bishops, Methodist District Chairs, URC Moderators and Salvation Army Divisional Commanders, each of whom will be bringing a team to work with local Christian communities in helping people discover more of God in a variety of ways. Pub nights, flower festivals, Messy Church, film evenings, fell walking, candle making – already the creative juices are flowing as people develop ideas for helping those around them discover the connection that God can have with every area of their lives.

On Friday 9th, in the morning, there is a particular opportunity to engage with local schools – perhaps through a Question and Answer session with local team members, with the aim of helping children understand more of Christianity as part of the faith curriculum, maybe through an assembly, or possibly by engaging with one or two classes in a more focused way.

In many cases, schools already have positive relationships with their local churches (of whatever denomination) with members of the local congregations coming in to work alongside teachers in a variety of ways, so this is an opportunity to build on that relationship, and to enable children to engage with the Christian faith in a fresh way. Hopefully local churches will be in touch with you in the coming weeks – or why not explore with them ways in which the visiting teams can support you in the work you are doing? And if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me

mike.talbot@carlisle-diocese.org.uk

Mike Talbot, God for All Evangelism Enabler

Springs Dance Company – Christmas workshops

During the workshops young people will explore the anticipation of the first Christmas through the eyes of the wise men and the angels - using dance, drama and discussion. Pupils will explore the poem 'Journey of the Magi' by T.S. Eliot.

They will think and discuss ideas about the journey of the wise men and the journey we make each year in preparation for Christmas Day; learn dance steps relating to the story; use their imaginations and create their own dance movements with expert guidance. Click [here](#) for more information.

Cumbria Museum Consortium is a partnership of three services – **Tullie House Museum Trust**, **Lakeland Arts** and **The Wordsworth Trust**. We are responsible for some of the most important art, manuscripts, museum artefacts and architecture in the UK. We look after these buildings, and the objects that fill them, for people to enjoy today and for generations to come. Our ambition is for local schools, people and visitors to Cumbria to use these museum spaces and get involved.

Learning is at the heart of everything we do. What can we offer schools?

Visit our website www.cumbriamuseums.org.uk to see the extensive range of activities which are available for school children.

Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery offers workshops, activities and resources using the museum, its collections and exhibitions as inspiration. Highlights include a KS1 session – Habitats and Minibeasts. Other curriculum areas include WW1 and Border Reivers. Look out for Special Event Weeks and the return of the popular Egyptian and Viking Weeks.

The Wordsworth Trust at Dove Cottage is a unique place for pupils – and teachers – of all ages. Whether you want to improve your pupils' creative writing skills, learn more about poetry or simply enjoy a great day of cross-curricular learning outside the classroom, a visit to Dove Cottage is always rewarding. The Wordsworth Team can provide for primary, secondary and sixth form students, and offer **Poetry Readings for Schools** by a range of professional poets.

Lakeland Arts offers a huge range of opportunities for learning at **Abbot Hall, the Museum of Lakeland Life, Blackwell and opening next year Windermere Jetty**. The team offers sessions for children of all ages from Early Years to KS2 – covering subjects from Hedgerows and Nests to Portraits and Toys from the Past.

As three organisations working in partnership we stage fun activities for families to enjoy together against the backdrop of our unique museums and outstanding exhibitions. We fire the imagination of pupils on school trips by interpreting historical objects– from local Romans archaeological finds to William Wordsworth's 200-year-old manuscripts. This year we're introducing a programme of teacher CPD in museums around the country please see the website for details. <http://cumbriamuseums.org.uk/teachers-professional-development-sessions/> Designed and delivered by museum learning specialists, these are relaxed and friendly events held in inspiring places: a chance to learn and unwind over tea and cake!

Across the consortium we are happy to work with schools to develop new learning offers. We carry out projects that enable pupils to gain Arts Awards at all levels, support schools in acquiring Arts Mark status; and often have opportunities for schools to be involved in our work.

Please get in touch if you'd like to see what we can do for your school CMCeducation@wordsworth.org.uk

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