

Education Chaplaincy Newsletter

Welcome to my first e-newsletter, which aims to signpost resources and events that may be of interest and support to you. If you would like to receive these newsletter directly, have items you would like to share in a future publication or for any other matter please contact me tatiana.wilson@exeter.anglican.org or 07590 443904
All our newsletters can be found here <https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/> Best wishes, Tatty

Welcome Back!



I hope you have managed to have a good rest and time to recuperate over the summer. I am delighted to have been given this opportunity to support you in your role.

Whilst I know some of you already I would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet will all of you again so that I can get a feel for your context and what would be the most helpful for you (and your teams) in terms of support going forward.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been working in the Diocese as an Education Officer since 2009 and this has included a range of responsibilities. Since September, my role now straddles both the Education, and Mission and Ministry Departments of the Diocese with the hope to enable a more coherent working relationship. I am part of a team supporting the development of IME training resources for ordinands, readers and curates focussing on working children and young people. I support schools developing the outworking of the Christian vision; and co-create and coordinate projects aimed at supporting the most vulnerable families in our Diocese. Nationally I have contributed to the [Church of England's Vision for Education](#), a discussion paper about [Spiritual Development](#), and [Guidance for Church Schools on best practice for good mental health among staff and students](#).

Previous roles have included University Lecturing at both Exeter and Plymouth Universities, creating and facilitating leadership development programmes with the National College of School Leadership and the Church of England's Foundation for Educational Leadership. I have had teaching, senior leadership and advisory leadership roles in primary and middle school contexts. I love learning, and have just completed my training towards ordination and will be ordained as deacon on September 12th, serving my curacy at St Mark's in Exeter.

I am married to Ant, a lecturer at Exeter University and published poet. We have two adult children and a new puppy (a miniature schnoodle) in our family, and live with 'Harry the Lodger' - a PHD student in the city.

Dates for your Diary

<p>1:1 Getting to Know You I would really like to get to know each of you better please do contact me to arrange a time to chat.</p>	<p>tatiana.wilson@exeter.anglican.org Mobile 07590443904</p>
<p>Mental Health First Aid Training Half Day Youth Online Course – 3 hours – July-December 2020 The course costs £20. This has been generously subsidised by fiveways Devon and includes paper resources sent to participants in advance, the online training, and free follow-up support facilitation.</p>	<p>https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/pastoral-care-counselling/mental-health-first-aid-training/</p>
<p>TISCA (the Independent Schools Christian Alliance) Chaplains' Conference 2020 6pm on Monday, 12th October until lunch time on Wednesday, 14th October 2020 at the Elim Conference Centre, West Malvern from. £290 per person or you can pay a non-refundable deposit of £25 to confirm your place.</p>	<p>More information and other events can be found here: https://tisca.org.uk/events/</p>



<p>Loss Justice and Hope: Chaplaincy Amidst Coronavirus 22nd October 2020 on zoom 9.15 -3.30 [three separate sessions] A day for all Chaplains and for everyone interested in Chaplaincy – Explore experiences of life and chaplaincy through lockdown. A chance to hear leaders listen to scripture, reflect together pray. Speakers 6th form students, Hospital Chaplains, Police Chaplaincy, Black Lives Matter, The Bishop of Bath and Wells, The Archbishop of Canterbury nurses from St Thomas Hospital [with thanks to BBC Songs of Praise]</p>	<p>To book please email mailto:mike.haslam@bathwells.anglican.org and you will be sent the zoom registration details</p>
<p>Exploring Chaplaincy Exploring Chaplaincy offers an introduction to chaplaincy and helps you to explore what chaplaincy is and whether it something that God is calling you to. It is suitable both for those who have recently started in a chaplaincy post, those who are soon to start and those who are at the very beginning of their vocational discernment. Some of the details of the 8 sessions are below. Exploring Chaplaincy is entirely free. All we ask of you is your commitment and presence.</p>	<p>To book for Exploring Chaplaincy please email mailto:sarah.lockie@bathwells.anglican.org and include any additional needs or dietary requirements.</p>
<p>Local Updates</p>	
<p>National Update from Garry Neave</p>	
<p>Chaplaincy in Education 2020-21 The pressures of the pandemic means that chaplains have been finding new ways to serve their schools, colleges and universities, as well as having to work very differently, with campuses shut or access severely restricted and much of our face-to-face relationships now moved to virtual spaces. In the coming year, look out for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more creative ways to reach people digitally, including on-line CPD sessions being run by CHELG for HE chaplains • conferences likely to be mixed-mode: some face to face but others being virtual. CHELG is already planning those for its HE membership. • material to share from the <i>#faithathome</i> initiative (including ideas, resources, assemblies and tutor group worship) and its cousin Growing Faith, on the Church of England website. • an Induction Programme for school and FE chaplains in their first years in post being offered by the Centre for Chaplaincy in Education, initially all on-line • the need for chaplains to support staff and students with issues of loss and bereavement, including the experiences they did not have during lockdown, like ways to mark the end of the year or their move to the next phase of their education. Dealing with memorials, ongoing grief and mental health and the well-being of staff will also be on the horizon a lot. <p>Finally, as our NHS colleagues have been saying, the pandemic has forced us to find new and imaginative ways to reach people who are not normally in touch, like all those GP appointments by phone or video call. Which of our new approaches do</p>	



<p>we actively need to keep, so we do not automatically default to an old normal that was not actually very effective a lot of the time?</p>	
<p>Generic Resources</p>	
<p>Mental Health Access Pack: An excellent compact, free resource on how best to support those with mental health issues. Three organisations (Livability, The Mind and Soul Foundation and Premier Life) have teamed up to provide this compact, free resource to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equip you with knowledge and advice, from medical, psychological and theological perspectives • help you support those in your community who are struggling with mental health issues • help you to discuss issues and share ideas surrounding mental health and the church 	<p>http://www.mentalhealthaccesspack.org/ download the pack as a PDF</p>
<p>Pinpoint Devon: Pinpoint thousands of services and community groups across Devon.</p>	<p>https://www.pinpointdevon.co.uk/</p>
<p>School Specific Resources</p>	
<p>Family Information Service Torbay: Provides information for families and people working with them in Torbay.</p>	<p>http://fis.torbay.gov.uk</p>
<p>Funding Opportunities: Devon County Council Funding News includes link to Schools' summary document. Their website is useful and offers guidance on crowdfunding too. Devon Community Foundation does not fund schools directly but</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will fund school PTAs if they have charitable status and published accounts • Will support church projects if they are for the benefit of the whole community • Grant application is in two stages 	<p>https://new.devon.gov.uk/fundingnews/social/ http://devoncf.com/</p>
<p>Interactive Mapping Tool: This mapping tool, which maps every school and C of E Church nationally and gives some data for each including FSM/levels of deprivation.</p>	<p>https://bit.ly/2D0fChy</p>
<p>Pen-portraits of our Chaplains</p>	
<p>Please contribute I am hoping to put together a display to capture the different expressions of Chaplaincy we have in Education settings across the Diocese. Please send me a headshot photo, a brief description of your context, your vision for the role and preferred contact details. When complete I will circulate it to you all.</p>	<p>Send to tatiana.wilson@exeter.anglican.org</p>