

# CHAPLAINCY NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

## Hello Summer

Dear Colleagues,

A warm welcome back at the start of the new term, which is likely to be full with hopefully better weather. There are a number of key things to note:

- A NEW Education Chaplaincy Network to join.
- Further opportunities to work together to improve our evaluation of Chaplaincy.
- Coronation resources.
- Prayer resources and times to meet to connect and pray together.
- An update on LLF
- An opportunity to join our retreat day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

In addition, if you have any thoughts on specific training you would like to be able to access next year please do get in touch as we are starting to shape our programme for next year.

With very best wishes,

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## A NEW Education Chaplaincy Network

Are you an Education Chaplain who is interested in being part of a network led by Growing Faith and the Centre for Chaplaincy in Education? The network will offer opportunities for prayer, fellowship and learning. We aim to meet three times a year on zoom.



If you would like to join the network, please register your interest with the following form: [Chaplains in Education - a Growing Faith Network \(tfaforms.net\)](https://tfaforms.net)



### Who are we?

The network is formed of chaplains (and those who work and volunteer in similar capacities) in schools and post-16 education. We meet in order to:

- Increase our **understanding** of chaplaincy and Growing Faith and the contribution our roles currently and potentially make through our work with children and young people, families, schools and churches.
- Explore **themes relevant to our work** together and **learn from others** in the field.
- Provide **peer support in a safe space**, including encouragement, ideas, resource-sharing and prayer.
- Engage in critical **reflections and challenge** with one another.

## How do we connect?

3x 90min per year on Zoom (facilitated by Growing Faith and CCE):

- **Tuesday 16th May 2023 - 11:00-12:30**
- **Wednesday 20th September 2023 - 2:30-4:00**
- **Monday 15th January 2024 - 4:00-5:30**

3x 1 hr sector network discussions (dates to be arranged by sector facilitators)

## What are our aims?

We hope that:

- We will **gather regularly and build long-term, supportive relationships**.
- We will understand the role of chaplaincy within the Growing Faith commitment and how and where we are contributing, and that this **knowledge will help us in our work**.
- We will **share our knowledge, experience, resources and skills** for the common good of the group, and ultimately the benefit of the children and young people we serve.
- We will **learn together** from experts in the fields we have chosen to explore, and from each other.
- We will work increasingly in **collaboration to support the spiritual flourishing** of children and young people.

## Can I join in?

**Yes! You are so welcome.**

**This network is for all chaplains in education, and those in similar roles.**

"BUT I work part-time..."

"BUT I'm not in the Church of England..."

"BUT I don't have 'chaplain' in my job title..."

"BUT I'm very new to my role..."

"BUT I'm a volunteer..."

**.....YES! You are welcome!**

**This network is for you and wouldn't be as good without you!**

## Evaluating Chaplaincy – please prioritise

Last term we had an excellent session with Simon Betteridge talking through ways we might evaluate the impact of what we do. For those of you who missed it you can download the recording and linked documents [here](#) for the next 5 days.

Following on from this I would like to invite you to a further discussion on how we might refine our practice.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 4-5pm**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86518351668?pwd=RDVwVDNGZy91Z2Q4NW81RHpVaEIJZz09>

Meeting ID: 865 1835 1668 Passcode: 223371

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 4-5pm**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89418343264?pwd=SWWhYV3dLeEZPaW1VZUh6cUdCeVhOZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 1834 3264 Passcode: 429171



We are always on the lookout for good news chaplaincy stories to share across the Diocese. If you have anything you would like to share please contact [tatiana.wilson@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:tatiana.wilson@exeter.anglican.org) with the details and I will make sure it is disseminated to the relevant people within the Diocese.

## Coronation Resources

The Church of England has developed a suite of resources for use as part of the Coronation celebrations which can be accessed here.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/coronation>



## Exploring Chaplaincy

Might God be calling you to be a chaplain? If so, you may be interested in [Exploring Chaplaincy](#), an 8 session course that will give you a chance to discern your next steps.

There will be another in-person course taking place from 9.30 - 16:00 on Tuesdays 25th April and 9th May 2023 in Flourish House, Wells, BA5 1FD. Please use the [Exploring Chaplaincy April/May booking form](#) to register for these sessions.

### Exploring Chaplaincy Online

September - November 2023. The next eight-session online course will take place on Tuesdays from 19.00 - 21.00 on the following dates: September 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st, November 7th, 14th and 21st. Please use this [Exploring Chaplaincy Online booking form](#) to register.

We ask for a contribution of £50 per person for the course to cover costs.

Please [contact Mike Haslam](#) if you have any other questions about Exploring Chaplaincy.

[Allie White](#), Mission Development Administrator

## Issues-based Bible Chat Mats are here!

We are excited to launch our new Bible Chat Mats. Series 3 has a different look and feel, designed with young people 11+ in mind and focus on 14 life issues that young people are facing in the 21st century, including peer pressure, the environment, uncertainty and navigating the online world. They are designed for younger people, but in my experience, they can also be wonderful discussion starters and mindfulness colouring for adults too. Have a look. They are free to download and print at <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/ministry/children-young-people/bible-chat-mat/bible-chat-mat-series-3/>



## Chaplaincy Chat and Prayers

We continue to offer safe spaces to gather, reflect and pray. There is no need to register, just turn up for any or all of the time with a cuppa and slice of cake on any of the following dates.  
29 April 2023, 16.00-17.00

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82574747536?pwd=RTZvd0x6QnNkYjJudGs5TVFGR3dFQT09>

Meeting ID: 825 7474 7536 | Passcode: hope

## CME Programme

reminder to colleagues who hold a Bishop's License that you are able to access any CME training for free <https://exeter.anglican.org/ministry/ordained-ministry/continuing-ministerial-development-clergy/>

## Chaplaincy Quiet Day

Date: Wednesday 22nd June

Time: 09:30 -16:00

Venue: Mill House, Nr Tiverton, Devon [Mill House Retreats](#).

We can arrange lifts from Tiverton Park Railway Station

Cost: £30 [pay here](#)

There is also the possibility of staying at Mill House on the night before or after the Quiet Day.

Please look on the [website](#) for prices, availability and contact details. Contact [Allie White](#) to register your interest.

Led by Helen Dearnley, National Lead Anglican Chaplain and Deputy Chaplain General for HM Prisons and Probation. Please email [Mike Haslam](#) if you have any questions



## Growing and Reimagining Chaplaincy

A new Grove Book by Mike Haslam telling the story of how Chaplaincy is growing and making a difference in Somerset and beyond.

[MEv 137 Growing and Reimagining Chaplaincy: How to Start, Form and Sup – Grove Books](#)

## Education Chaplaincy & Youth & Children's Ministers Day

Date: Wednesday 17th May 2023 Time: 10:00 - 16:00 Venue: Mendip Activity Centre

A day of exploration and activity, fun and fellowship. A chance for education chaplains and youth and children's ministers to get together. To book contact [Andy Levett](#)





National Society Council

## Living in Love and Faith: Next steps for NS

Paper NSC(23)14

As a key part of their work following the February 2023 sessions of Synod, the bishops commit to working with the National Society to consider the following:

- i. How to strengthen the relationship between a school and its parish church, even where there are significant differences of approach among clergy, congregations, and the school leadership in relation to issues of identity, sexuality and relationships.
- ii. How to help with navigating different views held within the Church on questions of sexuality especially in delivering relationships and sex education.
- iii. Provision of guidance on how best to support young people in school who are exploring their gender identity and sexuality.
- iv. How collective worship can be used well in exploring questions of identity and relationships.
- v. How to create a safe school environment for staff, pupils and family members who identify as LGBTQI+, together with those who hold to the traditional teaching of that church.

This work will lead to the production of an updated version of the Guidance for Church of England schools, *Valuing All God's Children*.

I am a part of a working group so if you have any questions about this work or specific advice I can help you with please [do get in touch](#).



For those unfamiliar with The [Open Table Network](#). It is run by, and for, LGBTQIA+ people, their friends and families. Currently some churches in Exeter are in the process of establishing a group. OTN groups welcome people of any faith, colour or background, and every gender identity and sexual orientation. They aim find God and each other in their gatherings, and that gives time and peace to grow together. For more information email [opentableexeter@gmail.com](mailto:opentableexeter@gmail.com)



### NEW Podcast

Ruth Motion and Mike Haslam have recently recorded a podcast with Elim Limitless on Education Chaplaincy. You can listen here. [LIMITLESS \(elim.org.uk\)](https://elim.org.uk)

A big thank you to all who joined the Trauma Informed Network. 25 chaplains from across the country have been part of this fully funded training programme which finishes in May. Thanks to the [Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership](#) for making this possible.

**Becoming Trauma-Informed**



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## Thy Kingdom Come

The 8<sup>th</sup> [Thy Kingdom Come](#)

international prayer event happens again between 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May ending on Pentecost Sunday. There are lots of ideas in the document below which might give you the opportunity to support the Diocesan vision for us to grow in prayer with our specific contexts.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Southwest Chaplaincy Gathering 2023

Our next SW conference is booked for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in Taunton Methodist Church a short walk from the station. Details to follow soon but please do save the date now.



I am beginning to put together the training programme for the next academic year. If there is anything specific you would like us to offer, please do contact me. In addition do get in touch to arrange a time for me to come and visit you in your setting; or if you are in need of encouragement, advice or support 07590443904

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## Diocesan Newsletters

To sign up to [Roots and Shoots the Diocesan Mailing](#) [click here](#).

The sign up to [Flourish the Education Newsletter](#) [click here](#).

*Lord,*

*May we all be moved to be chaplains wherever You place us.*

*May we be your hands and feet, bringing blessings to those we encounter as we receive your blessings.*

*May we be your voice as we speak into distress and chaos,  
speaking for justice and love as you speak through us.*

*May our hearts be wholly yours, loving all without exception as you love us.*

*Give us the faith to do what is just,  
to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with you, our God.*

*Amen*