



Dear Colleagues

A warm welcome back to the new academic year. I do hope that over the summer you have had time to relax and recharge. A particular welcome to Rev Mark Close the new Chaplain for Exeter School.

Alongside my holidays I had time at [Satellites Youth Festival](#) at the Bath and Wells Showground which was great. Tickets are available for next year and they are offering 5 free tickets if you book for a group.

On a personal note, I will be moving on at the start of November to take on a new role as a vicar for [St Edward's Eggbuckland and Forder Mission Community](#) in Plymouth. My mobile will remain the same (email [revtatty@fordervalley.org](mailto:revtatty@fordervalley.org)) and I'd be delighted if you wanted to keep in touch. It is a huge parish that includes seven primary schools, two community colleges and Plymouth Marjon University and I'd value your prayers as we embark on this new adventure. [My licensing is on 31<sup>st</sup> October, and you are warmly invited to come if you are able.](#)

Within the Diocese there has been a bit of reorganisation and your new point of contact will be Sue Lockwood the Diocesan Director of Education. I'd also encourage you to sign up to [Mike Haslam's newsletters](#) as much of what we have planned has been in conjunction with Bath and Wells and he is aware of national developments.

Regionally we are part of a bid to rebuild multifaith and belief chaplaincy in FE colleges and as a Diocese we are also looking for funding to develop new models of chaplaincy within multi-academy trusts that straddle church and community schools. So, we are hoping that chaplaincy in education settings becomes a growth area and complements other forms of ministry within the diocese.

## Introducing Sue Lockwood



Sue can be contacted by email [sue.lockwood@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:sue.lockwood@exeter.anglican.org); or by phoning 01392 294950

Sue has been the Director of Education for the Diocese since 2020 and brings a passion for mission and a commitment to children, young people and their families.

## Southwest Chaplaincy Gathering 2023

Our next SW conference is booked for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 9:30 - 16:00

Rowbarton Methodist Church, Greenway Road, Taunton, TA26LA

The church is fully accessible and there is parking for Blue Badge holders. The church is a 5-10 minute walk from Taunton Railway Station which also has long-stay car parks.

Cost £15 per person (to include lunch) - details of how to pay in booking form.

Please [book your place here](#).

Chaplaincy Gathering, with Bishop John Pritchard and Bishop Michael Beasley, will be a day of



hospitality and fellowship, worship and meditation, keynotes and workshops, nature connectedness, and learning communities.

### **Keynote speaker Bishop John Pritchard**

Bishop John Pritchard will speak on 'Going deeper into God, sustaining spirituality for us and for others'. Working backwards, John Pritchard has been Bishop of Oxford, Bishop of Jarrow, Archdeacon of Canterbury, Warden of Cranmer Hall, a vicar in Taunton (St George's, Wilton), a Diocesan Youth Officer and a curate in Birmingham. But now he's retired, leads retreats, speaks at conferences, writes, walks, watches sport and leans over bridges. He was lead bishop on education and has long been enthusiastic for the ministry of chaplains. In his writing of many books, he has always tried to make faith accessible, interesting, credible and relevant.

### **Workshops**

Everyone will have an opportunity to sign up for two workshops:

- Nature Connectedness: exploring spirituality and creation  
Led by Sara Emmet, Climate Justice and Environment Adviser, Diocese of Bath and Wells
- Chaplaincy and the Church: Exploring the interrelationship between chaplaincy and church  
Led by Rt Revd Dr Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells
- Generous spirituality: celebrating and exploring spirituality from diverse traditions, cultures and faiths  
Led by Clarissa Shaw Notice, Chaplain, Royal United Bath NHS Foundation Trust
- Spirituality, prayer and worship in Chaplaincy: Exploring how chaplaincy can inspire and lead spirituality, prayer and worship  
Led by Richard Kelley, Chaplain of Queen's College, Taunton
- Reflective Meditation: A chance to be still and pray  
Led by Hannah Alderson, Anglican Chaplain, Exeter University
- Facilitated Learning Community: An opportunity to reflect on learning from the day

Please email [Mike Haslam](#) if you have any questions about the event or [Allie White](#) with any queries.

## **Other Training Opportunities within the Diocese**

As an Education Chaplain you can access training through both the [Education Team](#) and [Mission and Ministry Team](#) do check the relevant pages for what is on offer. Signing up to Diocesan Newsletters will also keep you updated on what is on offer.

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

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

## **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,

fellowsip 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):

- **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..."

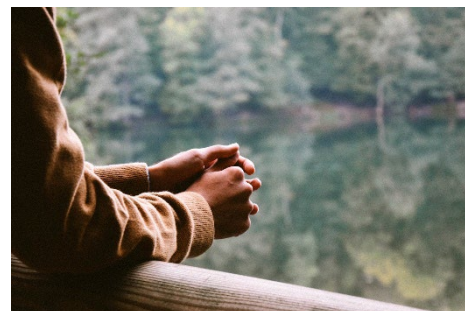
**.....YES! You are welcome!**

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



## Reflecting through a Chaplain's Eyes

These podcasts offer a space to explore and reflect upon some of the key issues for chaplaincy. They are hosted by Richard Kelley and have outstanding contributions from Narinder Tegally, Charlotte Kelley, Ann Fulton, Ewen Huffman, Theresa Strange, Ruth Motion and Mike Haslam.



One week after the release of each podcast, we will offer a facilitated conversation to reflect on the theme of the podcast and the connections with our own context. All of the dates are below.

An introduction to chaplaincy - Mike Haslam

Chaplaincy calling - Charlotte Kelley - Thursday 5 October, 16.00-17.30 [Register here](#)

Chaplaincy, crisis and trauma - Ann Fulton - Monday 13 November, 16.00-17.30 [Register here](#)

Chaplaincy, spirituality, prayer and worship - Ewen Huffman - Tuesday 30 January, 16.00-17.30 [Register here](#)

Chaplaincy in a changing culture, Identity and diversity - Theresa Strange - Wednesday 20 March, 16.00-17.30 [Register here](#)

Faith sharing, the church and chaplaincy - Ruth Motion - Monday 6 May, 16.00-17.30 [Register here](#)

Chaplaincy and Inter-faith - Narinder Tegally - Thursday 4 July, 16.00-17.30 [Register here](#)



## 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](#).



## 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)

## Chaplaincy Chat and Prayers

Chaplaincy Chat and Prayers is an open space where anyone is welcome, and where we can simply catch up, chat and pray. It does what it says on the tin!

Thursday 21 September, 15.30-16.30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87269483331?pwd=WVFyK1pXRWZBV1JNdKpFZVlFLzIEUT09>

Monday 20 November, 15.30-16.30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82239658357?pwd=NINKZVZUR0t5VzZwQmxGK05NdXZJUT09>

Tuesday 9 January, 15.30-16.30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86398645617?pwd=YUJDNIJTWZSUlAzL095SUorNEtmQT09>

Monday 11 March, 15.30-16.30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84292642878?pwd=OXpjRHhGK3FBbHM5bDVTS01RNXZhUT09>

Wednesday 22 May, 15.30-16.30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87856458549?pwd=NCtCcUVDWVZtZjVjVjZpUmgyMVo5UT09>

Tuesday 30 July, 15.30-16.30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83536231037?pwd=K0hVd1FTNTJrc25aMWFHhZWVdDamdVUT09>



## Exploring Chaplaincy

Might God be calling you to be a chaplain or are you recently appointed and looking for an induction course? 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 are opportunities to complete Exploring Chaplaincy in-person and on zoom.

The next **in-person course** is on January 18 and February 1, 2024, in Wells. Both days are 09.30 - 16.00.

The next **zoom course** is in 2024, April 30, May 7, 14, 21 and June 4, 11, 18, 25. All sessions are 19.00 - 21.00.

All of the dates, details and booking information are all at [Bath and Wells Diocese | Exploring Chaplaincy](#). £50 per booking. Please email [Mike Haslam](#) if you have any questions.





## **Chaplaincy Quiet Day**

Journeying in the wrong direction and other encounters with God  
June 2024 - date to be confirmed at Mill House Retreat Centre.

## **National Education Chaplaincy Conference 20 June 2024 in London**

Save the date, the registration link will be circulated as soon as possible.

## **Chaplaincy Gathering 2024 17 September 2024**

Faith in the public square in New Testament times with Paula Gooder in Taunton.

## **Holocaust Memorial Day Briefing**

On Thursday 5 October at 4pm the outreach team at the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) will present new resources for activity organisers across the country to use for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2024. These new resources have been created to support and enable individuals and communities to mark HMD in different and innovative ways. We will be joined by Holocaust survivor Yvonne Bernstein to hear about the importance of sharing survivor testimony, and you will also hear from HMD activity organisers about how they have used HMDT resources in their HMD activities.

If you are planning to mark HMD 2024, please join for what promises to be an inspiring and interactive event by registering at the link below.

[HMD 2024 Resource Launch - 5 October](#)