



Flourishing

School Leader's Gathering

20-21 March 2024

St Mellion Estate, Saltash,
Plymouth, PL20 6SD



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We are delighted to invite you to our school leader's gathering 2024. As you will see we have a range of high quality speakers to inspire you in your important work as together we seek to live out our schools' Christian visions and to serve our communities well.

We invite you to register for one of two options. The first is to attend as a day delegate and the second to attend as a residential delegate. For both options the aim is to provide the opportunity for fellowship across our diocesan family, for personal and spiritual nourishment, and for shared learning as we enable all, through the love of God in Jesus Christ, to live life in all its fullness.

We do hope you will consider joining us for this gathering and encourage other leaders from your networks to do so too.

Sue Lockwood

Diocesan Director

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Programme

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20 March

- 3:00pm:** Arrival from 3pm with check-in, refreshments and networking
- 5:00pm:** Spiritual refreshment and reflection, supported by the Bishop of Plymouth, the Right Reverend James Grier
- 7:00pm:** Evening meal
- 9:00pm:** Compline (Evening Prayers)

21 March

- 8:50am:** Registration and refreshments
- 9:20am:** Welcome and opening worship – Sue Lockwood and the Bishop James
- 9:45am:** *Called to Authentic Leadership* – David Wells
- 11:00am:** Coffee Break
- 11:20am:** *What does it mean to belong?* – The Reverend Mike Haslam
- 12:15pm:** Comfort Break
- 12:20pm:** *The Good Childhood Report and how can schools make a difference so all can flourish?* – The Children's Society, Jess Meale
- 1:15pm:** Lunch
- 2:00pm:** *Embracing Equity in Education* – Professor Lee Elliot Major
- 3:15pm:** Closing reflection and prayers
- 3:20pm:** End of conference

Bridge Books will be at the conference with books, music, pictures and resources which will be available to purchase. The Children's Society will have a stall with resources available.





Prices

£100 for day delegates

£200 for overnight delegates

Please note you will be invoiced in January 2024. To book your place, please visit our website:

exeter.anglican.org/schools/training-and-events/

If you have any queries please email:

education@exeter.anglican.org

We encourage you to book early to secure your place.





Speakers

David Wells

David Wells began his teaching career with disillusioned teenagers. Since then he has worked primarily as an Education Adviser speaking at teacher conferences around the world. He has guest lectured in many Universities and worked with charities, volunteers, prisoners, young people and clergy. He is the author of four books and has contributed to many national working parties. He is married to Alison and has three grown up children and a badly behaved dog. He lives in Exmouth, Devon. To find out more look at David's website: www.davidwellslive.com



Called to Authentic Leadership

In this keynote we will look at the role love, hope, faith and joy play in shaping the culture of our Church of England schools. Can we challenge prevailing attitudes with something more exciting, attractive, and profoundly different? This session addresses the call to be authentic, truly ourselves, with all the courage that requires. As we grow in courage we recognise that we do not need to dominate or control space and we can be impactful through a disposition of service. This kind of leadership which some call "Servant Leadership" leads to the flourishing of all around us. The challenge to achieve this lies within us.





Speakers

Mike Haslam

Faith, family, friends (including furry one) and fell-running are a good way to start as an introduction. Mike is Chaplaincy Adviser and interim Mission Development Team Leader in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. Mike is also Chair of Trustees for Centre for Chaplaincy In Education and chair the Diocesan and Sector Chaplaincy Leads Group in the Church of England.



Mike has been a chaplain, a parish priest and a diocesan adviser. In his role as Chaplaincy Adviser in Bath and Wells, he has supported the existing chaplaincy network; and through prayer and work with vocations, training, strategy and partnership. This has led to the creation over sixty new chaplaincies over the past six years. Most of these are in spaces where there has never before been any explicit Christian leadership or spiritual care. Mike also offers support to many dioceses and helps to develop new chaplaincies within them.

Belonging

What does it mean to belong and where and how do we define and find our belonging? How can schools and colleges enable everyone to belong and what impact can the faith communities offer? With his experience of chaplaincy, educational leadership and the local church, Mike will reflect and offer space to develop our response to these and other questions.





Speakers

Jess Meale

Jess Meale is the Community Relationship Manager for The Church of England Children's Society across the South-West. She is trained with the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development and in her spare time enjoys singing and drumming in a samba band.



The Children's Society is a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of children facing, abuse, exploitation, and neglect. They support them through their most serious life challenges and campaign tirelessly for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most.

Jess has worked with the charity for 11 years, raising awareness of their work within the church and community, with an aim of increasing support through volunteering, campaigning, and raising money.

The Good Childhood Report- How can schools make a difference so all can Flourish?

For 12 years, The Children's Society has released its annual Good Childhood Report. This is a study of children's subjective wellbeing, covering topics such as school, family life, mental health and wellbeing. With a vision of creating a society built for all children, Jess will talk through the findings of the last Good Childhood report and the charity's recommendations. This will also explore how schools can create an environment, so all children can flourish.





Speakers

Lee Elliot Major

Lee Elliot Major is Britain's first Professor of Social Mobility, based at the University of Exeter. He was previously Chief Executive of the Sutton Trust. Lee is one of the most prominent public voices in national debates about education inequality and speaks about social equity across the world. He was awarded an OBE in the 2019 Queen's Honours. He is the first in his family to go to university.



Embracing Equity in Education

Equity in Education set out a new approach to schooling which strives to make classrooms genuinely inclusive, while addressing some of the key impediments to learning outside the school gates. On its release it was immediately ranked among Amazon's 'Hot New Releases in Education'.

In his latest book Lee Elliot Major argues that we need to ditch deficit mindsets that have dogged education for decades to tackle persistent school achievement divides. This includes replacing unhelpful labels such as 'disadvantaged pupils' with 'under-resourced pupils' doing more to celebrate the achievements of the working classes and removing social class biases and barriers in the classroom. The book highlights practical strategies that have the potential to level the playing field in education.

