

Flourishing

School Leader's Gathering

Thursday 20 March 2025
Tiverton Hotel Lounge & Venue
Blundells Road, Tiverton
Devon EX16 4DB



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We are delighted to invite you to join with us to be inspired, nurtured and nourished in your work as we come together as the Diocesan family of schools.

The keynote speakers at this gathering are the well known and respected educationalist Mary Myatt and Paul Rusby, a member of the national SIAMS Quality Assurance inspection team. Mary will share her expertise about Religious Education as part of an ambitious, inclusive curriculum for every child and research to support pupils' learning. Paul, will speak about vision-led spiritual development in schools.

We will also be joined by Bishop James, Bishop Jackie and (hopefully) the new Bishop of Exeter (yet to be announced) as they recognise the importance of schools work in the diocese and wish to support us in enabling all, through the love of God in Jesus Christ, to live life in all its fullness.

We looking forward to welcoming you and your colleagues.

Sue Lockwood

Diocesan Director of Education

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Prices

£140 per person before the end of September, and then from the 1st October the price will be **£175** per person. We encourage you to book early to secure your place.

Please note you will be invoiced upon booking.

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

Please note, refunds will only be given if you have an Ofsted or SIAMS Inspection the day of the conference.



Programme

09:15 Registration and refreshments

09:30 Welcome from Sue Lockwood and the Archdeacon of Totnes and Chair of Diocesan Board of Education Committee, the Venerable Douglas Dettmer

09:40 Opening worship and reflection by the Bishop of Crediton (tbc)

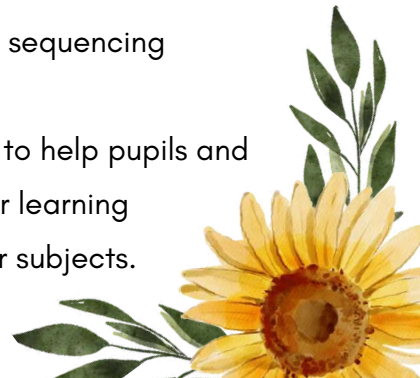
10:00 ***Mary Myatt: Religious Education as part of an ambitious, inclusive curriculum for every child:***

- What pupils say about the curriculum
- The importance of high challenge and low threat
- How to gain an overview of religious education across primary and secondary
- Supporting pupils with additional needs
- The role of leaders in supporting colleagues to develop their subject knowledge

11:10 Break

11:30 ***Mary Myatt: Research to support pupils' learning:***

- The importance of sequencing the curriculum
- The power of concepts to support sequencing
- Developing pupils' vocabulary
- The research on high quality texts to help pupils and students make connections in their learning
- Creating authentic links with other subjects.



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12:30 The new Bishop of Exeter (tbc)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Paul Rusby: *Vision-led Spiritual Development in Schools***

- Why and what is spiritual development?
- The inspiration of the school's vision to support spirituality for adults and children
- Sharing and developing a common language of spirituality
- Ideas and opportunities for spiritual development through collective worship, across the curriculum and beyond
- Working with other partners, including the church to enhance the spiritual life of the school

15:00 Closing worship and reflection by Bishop James

15:30 Opportunity for networking and browsing of resources on sale

16:30 Departure

Bridge Books, Picture News and others will have resources available for viewing and purchasing at the conference.





Speakers

Mary Myatt

Mary Myatt is an education adviser, writer and speaker. She trained as an RE teacher, is a former local authority adviser and inspector and co-founded the RE Quality Mark with Jane Brooke. She engages with pupils, teachers and leaders about learning, leadership and the curriculum.



Mary has written extensively about leadership, school improvement and the curriculum: Her current work focuses on the Huh Curriculum series for primary, secondary and SEND alongside the Huh Academy with John Tomsett.

She has established The Teachers' Collection, an online platform to support reading across the curriculum with films for ongoing professional development including the popular [Primary Subject Networks](#).

Mary is a patron of [CAPE](#), has been a governor in three schools, and a trustee for a Multi Academy Trust. She maintains that there are no quick fixes and that great outcomes for pupils are not achieved through tick boxes.





Speakers

Paul Rusby

Paul is an educator with over three decades of experience. His extensive career spans twenty years as headteacher across three Church of England schools, earning him accolades such as the Teaching Award's Headteacher of the Year for the North East. He has played key roles as a National Leader of Education, Primary Consultant Leader, and School Improvement Partner, with a deep commitment to fostering the growth and well-being of both students and educators in Church of England schools.



He is a member of the National SIAMS Quality Assurance inspection team, Diocesan consultant, school governor, and NPW facilitator and coach. Paul has a deep interest in spirituality. Blending together his theological training, SIAMS experience and leadership roles in schools, Paul provides school improvement coaching and consultancy support. In his role as a retreat leader, he integrates poetry, music, meditation, and landscape into quiet days, nurturing spiritual growth.





Contributors



The Bishop of Crediton
The Rt. Rev'd Jackie Searle



The Bishop of Plymouth
The Rt. Rev'd James Grier



The Archdeacon of Totnes
The Venerable Douglas Dettmer

Senior Clergy

Bishop James, Bishop Jackie and The Archdeacon of Totnes, The Venerable Douglas Dettmer will be joining us during the conference. They recognise the importance of schools work and value your service. We hope also to be joined by the new Bishop of Exeter who will be announced later this year.

