

Romans 15 v13

‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the holy spirit’

Dear Colleagues

I hope your terms have started well and that the summer break does not feel too long ago.

I wanted to open my newsletter by pointing out that we have adverts out now for new School Effectiveness Officers. We are looking to enlarge the team at Church House and this is a great opportunity if you have the desire to have a genuine impact on our diverse group of schools. The role will require some travelling although we hope to keep that managed sensibly. We are also open to making part time or full time appointments. The closing date is 1 November 2019 and I would suggest that if you are interested, you give us a ring at Church House (01273 425687) and we will happily answer any questions.

Diocesan Briefings

It has been great to see so many of you at our Diocesan Briefings. Whilst we hope to ensure you leave with valuable information, these are also invaluable times for us to meet you informally and for you to spend time with your colleagues. All our Briefings take place from **16.30 to 18.00** and our remaining dates are:

1	October	The Holy Trinity CE Secondary School, Crawley
3	October	St John's Meads, Eastbourne
22	October	St Nicolas & St Mary CE Primary School, Shoreham
23	October	All Saint's CE Primary School, Sidley

If you haven't been to one this year, feel free to come along even if our remaining meetings are not in your immediate locality.

Church and School Partnership

One of the themes for our department this year is to look at developing a closer link between our churches and the schools. Schools are now such a key part of God's mission for the church, this relationship is pivotal. We are doing a lot of work across the various departments and deaneries of our diocese but there are several areas I'd like to ask you to consider.

- 1. Publicity** - Our media team are looking for opportunities to share "Good News" stories. Initially we would love to hear of your Harvest projects. If you have done anything on the theme that you would like to share with us, please let us know. Photos that are cleared by your safeguarding policies are even more useful as we'd like to put out a press release highlighting the great things happening. We'd like to do the same at Christmas. However, please don't be modest and stop there. If there is anything special you want to share – let us know. Send any information to vanessa.vollebregt@chichester.anglican.org. It would be valuable to raise the profile of schools in our Diocesan family.
- 2.** We are working on a **Church/School Partnership document**. The aim of this is to give us a strong framework upon which we can build a strong, unified approach to mission. At this stage we are in the drafting process. I have been in contact with a number of schools and clergy as I have gathered

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ideas and laid foundations. However, if you think there are ideas you wish to share, do drop me an email.

3. **Hallowe'en** is coming and we know this can be a challenging time for headteachers in church schools. We have provided some guidance which is attached to this newsletter and is on our website. I hope it will be of use to you.

I hope this term continues to go well for you and if I don't see you before then, enjoy a restful half term.

Yours sincerely

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