

Education Sunday

Sunday 13th September 2020



Education Sunday has been celebrated for over 100 years. From 2016 the day was fixed as the second Sunday in September. The start of the academic year is a perfect opportunity for schools and churches to celebrate the work of schools, nurseries and colleges. Education Sunday is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education. Education Sunday provides a great opportunity for Christian leaders, churches and congregations to demonstrate their commitment to learning and education and in particular to those people who learn and teach.

Theme for Education Sunday 2020: 'A Learning People in a Time of Change'

This year Education Sunday takes place at a time when many children, young people and staff have been away from schools, nurseries and colleges and have been working in different ways. Churches, too, have had to learn and adapt, whilst still maintaining a pattern of worship. This Education Sunday provides a time to think about what we have learnt about ourselves, our communities, our world and God.

Education Sunday Resources

Churches Together In England produce excellent materials and resources to support Education Sunday including liturgy, prayers, music, talks. These materials can be found at www.cte.org.uk.



Suggestions for marking Education Sunday in Church

- Invite members of your local schools/colleges to take part in a special Education Sunday service.
- Invite new staff and governors in schools and colleges to a commissioning service on Education Sunday. Remember to include support staff as well as teachers.
- Commission all members of the congregation who are involved in teaching children or adults
- Ask local schools and colleges to provide a display about their school. This could be on a display board or a presentation to show on a screen.
- Invite someone with a link to education to preach or provide a talk/reflection during the service

Remember that staff and pupils will have only been back at school a few days and that this year the new academic year will be an unusual and potentially stressful one, so think carefully about any contributions that you would like people to make. We encourage schools and colleges to follow up the theme of Education Sunday during their collective worship and to invite members of the local parish church/churches/places of worship to visit the school and perhaps to take part in the school's collective worship.