

## **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

The new school year is with us once again. I have already heard many stories of how happy the children seem to be back in school and I hope you share that sense of excitement and anticipation. I also hope you have returned rested and you can begin to own a sense of relative normality. So much has been achieved in our schools over the past two years and I encourage you to reflect on the immense difference you have each made.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Headteachers Conference which takes place on Wednesday 29 September. We have had two late places become available so if you are interested, please contact [yasmin.heasman@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:yasmin.heasman@chichester.anglican.org) . I hope it will be an uplifting and informative day in a lovely location and it will be great to see you there.

Running in tandem there is going to be a clergy training day on 21 October. This is for members of the clergy only but you may wish to encourage the priest of your local church to attend. They can get details of this through the Apostolic Life Team on this link [Ministry with Schools: An Opportunity for Mission](#) . Growing Partnerships, Church and Parish Our Growing Partnerships is strongly based on that word ‘Partnership’. We know many schools try very hard to develop a relationship with their local worshipping communities so do share these details with them.

You will be aware that Rose Wisdom retired from her role as Governors Support Officer in August. We continue to go through the recruitment process for this position and we are very encouraged with the interest we are receiving. The closing date for this is October 6th and if you know anybody who you think suits this role, please make them aware of the opportunity – [School Governance Officer](#). Our governor training programme will be paused during the recruitment process but we have made provision so that our support and advice service to Governors is fully operational. Cathy Slow has agreed to take on this additional area of responsibility until Christmas. Many of you will know Cathy who has held similar roles in the past.

Once again we will be holding an online Diocesan briefing this term that will be open to headteachers and governors. This will take place on Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. We aim to keep it to under 45minutes and we will update you on a range of key issues. We will outline the content nearer the time and you can sign up on [Eventbrite](#). We will also record the briefing so that any who can’t attend can access the recording for up to a month after. These online briefings last year were extremely well attended and we felt that they were particularly effective in terms of time management from your point of view and consistency of message. However, we are planning to balance this with some “in person” events later in the year.

I am really pleased to tell you of the ongoing partnership between Lancastrian Infant School and Central CE Junior School in Chichester and both schools are now looking to adopt a linked identity. From September 1st Lancastrian became St Joseph's Infant School and Central became St Joseph's CE Junior School. Both schools, in the care of DCAT, are in our prayers.

September sees a large number of new headteachers joining our diocesan family. They are:

Sarah Smith	Ashurst CEP School
Lizzie Martin	Amberley and St James, Coldwaltham CEP Schools
Nicklaus Tidy	Harting CEP School
Naomi Welsh	Ferring CEP School
Helen Dennison	Copthorne CEP School
Anita Lawrence	Frant, Mark Cross and Mayfield CEP Schools
Chris Williams	West Dean CEP School
Justine Chubb	Clapham and Patching CEP School
Karen Head	Buxted CEP School
Jane Midwinter	Herstmonceux CEP School

We welcome them to the family of church schools. Please do remember these new heads in your prayers and if you are in a neighbouring school please do touch base with them so that they have friendly faces to turn to.

The November Cohort of the Church of England's Foundation for Educational Leadership NPQ is fast approaching with applications closing on 25 September. If you are interested to find out more about this programme, funding or wish to register please go [here](#).

I wish you the very best in these opening days of the new school year. We continue to pray for you and as ever if you need anything from us please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes

Trevor Cristin  
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