



Diocese of Chichester Governance E-Bulletin:

June 2022

Learning with meaning and purpose - to know God and shape the world

'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.' (Romans 15:13)



Dear Colleague,

Jesus said "but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4.14

School leaders may experience the challenge of stepping into someone's shoes when the person on the rota calls in sick! But none have had (as he put it) the *'slightly terrifying, but a great honour'* that faced, Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York. When Archbishop Welby tested positive for Covid-19 (it really hasn't gone away!) he was next in line to deliver the sermon at the Platinum Jubilee Service in St Paul's Cathedral.

What a sermon! Described as a model sermon in length, construct, and content it captivated hundreds in the Cathedral and millions around the globe. More importantly it contains a nugget of truth about leadership, signposting the importance of Jesus Christ to himself, and the Queen.

There was much for governors to ponder. For example:

For me, the best leaders - like Paul, like Jesus – are those who know how to be led. People who lead for others, not themselves. People whose heart's desire is to serve the common good and build up the common life; who don't try to do it all themselves, or act in their own strength alone; people who take a longer view; and who seek out places of replenishing, even places where they might learn the mind of Christ.

As those committed to being 'deeply Christian, serving the common good' we do well to reflect on how we lead for the sake of others. To enable that we must seek *'places of replenishing'*. He went on to describe how faith in Jesus Christ is a fountain and a *"well from which we draw deeply and replenish ourselves through all the challenges, joys, and vicissitudes of life."*

Perhaps one occasion for this will be in the Review and Refresh Session (see below) just before the end of term. Do take up this opportunity and book your virtual place.

Have a truly blessed rest of the term,
Warmest regards,

Mike Simmonds
Governance Development Officer

In this Governance E-bulletin

- [Review and Refresh: 5th July](#)
- [Virtual Conference 28 Sept.](#)
- [Making Sense of Church School Governance](#)
- [Podcast coming in the Autumn](#)
- [Liverpool Hope Course](#)



Tuesday 5 July 15.30-17.00

Before the end of the academic year review your role as a governor and refresh your understanding in preparation for the next year with others!
A time to meet, share experiences, learn from each other, and be inspired in your roles.
This will now be on Zoom. Book your place today!
For ALL Governors of Chichester Diocese CoFE Schools
[Click here to book](#)

WHAT'S NEXT?

PLANS FROM SEPTEMBER 2022

The poster features the Diocese of Chichester Education Department logo at the top left. A central banner reads 'GOVERNORS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE'. Below this, it says 'FACING A TASK UNFINISHED with the Education team and special guests'. The date and time are '6- 7PM ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2022'. Two portraits are included: Bishop Martin on the left and Paul Kerensa on the right. A quote at the top right says: 'An opportunity for all governors across the Diocese to begin the academic year together for one hour'.

We are delighted to announce that Bishop Martin, the Bishop of Chichester, will open the conference.

During the hour we will explore key issues facing governors and bring specific support ideas from Mike Simmonds and other members of the Diocesan Education Team

Closing the conference will be **Paul Kerensa**, British Comedy Award-winning co-writer BBC's Miranda, Not Going Out, Top Gear, ITV's Royal Variety, C4's TFI Friday etc

For ALL governors in the Diocese of Chichester including non-foundation governors.

Join governors from across the Diocese for an hour at the start of the new year. Not to be missed! [Book all your board in!](#)

DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Making Sense of
CHURCH SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

12, 19 Oct & 2 Nov at 6pm

Virtual Learning for governors

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS NEED TO DO THIS COURSE ASAP

FOR NEW GOVERNORS AND A REFRESHER FOR EXPERIENCED GOVERNORS

AN IN-DEPTH COURSE WHICH INCLUDES THREE SESSIONS WITH SOME ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP THE LEARNING.

book on the website or use the QR Code

choose, book, & join

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New to Church School Governance?
Needing to refresh your understanding?

As a Foundation Governor, you signed you would undertake such a course. All governors are welcome to enrol on this course.

This autumn a more in-depth course is available which will include three sessions with some additional activities to help the learning.

- Session 1: Church Schools: Vision, history, and theology
- Session 2: Governors: Called, Connected and Committed
- Session 3: Partnerships: Church, Community, and your Head Teacher

To pass this course and receive a certificate it will be essential that there is attendance at all three sessions and complete the few short activities on our easy-to-use Learning Platform.

For expression of interest email: schools@chichester.anglican.org
Bookings open in July.

Coming in the autumn term

DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

GOVERNANCE TRAINING PROGRAMME 2022-23

Virtual Learning for governors

SAFEGUARDING,
OFSTED & SIAMS
GROWING PARTNERSHIPS
MONITORING
SUCCESSION PLANNING
RECRUITMENT
DIVERSITY
AND MUCH MUCH MORE

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM SEPTEMBER 2022 - KEEP A WATCH ON THE TRAINING SECTION OF THE WEBSITE BY USING THE QR CODE OR WEB ADDRESS BELOW

with Governance Development Officer, Mike Simmonds

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A full programme of governance training events for the Autumn term will be launched in the next few weeks. For a preview you can see the entire plan by [clicking here](#) and then why not 'save the date' in your calendar for those you might book a place on when bookings open.

Look out too for details of the all-new Governance Podcast coming in the Autumn term on the platform of your choice.



Church School Governance Online Training Programme (CSGTP) Improving Church School Governance

Duration: 6 months | Delivery: Online | Start date: January 2023

Would you be interested in pursuing a more in-depth course on the successful Church School Governance Course run by Liverpool Hope University? We have an opportunity to develop a cohort of students in the Diocese next Spring. This will enable participation in the online course and engagement with colleagues from across the Diocese supported by our Governance Officer, Mike Simmonds.

The course is suitable for new and experienced governors, trustees and anyone involved in Church school governance. Any questions please do contact Mike Simmonds.

Margaret from our Diocese has just completed this year's course and says:

“Transformational, life changing, challenging and inspirational, is how I would describe this Church School course for Governors. It has the power to turn all your current thoughts inside out and gives one a whole new perspective on how to view governance in a Church School context, and I feel better equipped to carry out my role. This is done through many different ways, all rooted in a Biblical context, via a consideration of the raison d’etre of Church Schools and the importance of education within them, the values of wisdom, hope, dignity and community, to one’s own role, types of leadership and accountability. Invaluable and enjoyable.”

Click here to access a flyer. Or go to the Hope website by [clicking here](#).

If you would find it useful to discuss any of the issues that affect governance, please do email or call our Governance Development Officer [Mike Simmonds](#).

'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace... is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance, and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none.'



Thank you!

for your service in our schools

Elizabeth II
Christmas Address 2014

Next edition of Governors e-bulletin is due week beginning 18 July 2022.