

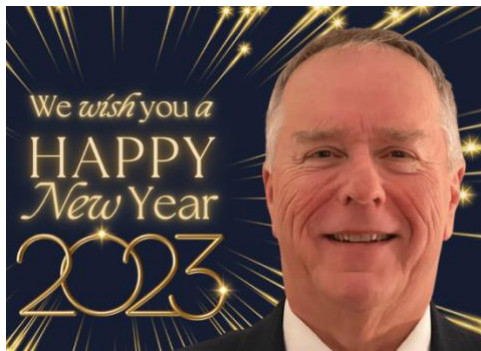


# Diocese of Chichester Governance E-Bulletin:

January 2023

*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)



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Dear Colleagues,

A very happy New Year to you!

This spring term we are facing continued challenges across the Diocese. Governors will want to keep abreast of the issues that are exercising minds nationally. The possibilities of strikes, continued absences due to health and wellbeing, funding and budget setting to name a few.

Please remember that whilst we do not have all the answers, we are here to support and encourage you. I am more than willing to set up meetings with individual governors – a virtual handshake and a burden shared can be a benefit. Drop me a line.

Diversity on governance boards is a vital topic for discussion. The fascinating story of Shekeila Scarlett who at age 26 is the Chair of Governors of a School in London has been featured on the BBC (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-64166479>).

With 90% of governors nationally being white and over 40 years old, join me for a conversation on 7<sup>th</sup> February – booking details below – as we explore race, age, and gender diversity and the positive impact of different perspectives on governance boards.




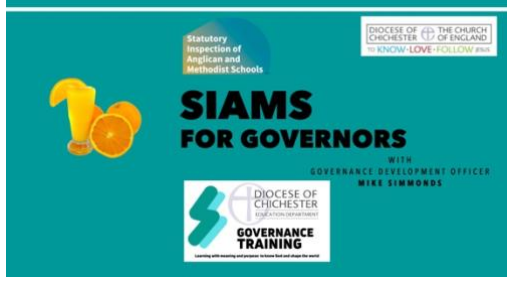
Theological rootedness is a term we will all need to become conversant with. It is not as complex as the term suggests. A new two-part course will be available in May – see below – to equip governors and especially Foundation governors. Meanwhile, if you subscribe to the Podcast this will increasingly open up ideas and thinking on this and other governance-related concerns.

Keep up the good work, you are appreciated!

Mike Simmonds  
Governance Development Officer.

Virtual development sessions for governors can be booked through [Eventbrite](#). Information about each course can be found below. They are for **ALL** Governors.

**Courses coming up (Click on logo to book your place)**

<p><b>MAKING SENSE OF CHURCH SCHOOL GOVERNANCE</b>  <b>Essential for all governors – especially new governors</b>  <b>An opportunity to develop your understanding of what is required</b></p>		
<p>23<sup>rd</sup> February          2<sup>nd</sup> March          9<sup>th</sup> March          at 5pm</p>		<p>Following the success of <i>Making Sense of Church School Governance</i> this <b>three-session course</b> is being run again for new governors and those who want to develop their understanding and practice.  <i>For all Governors.</i></p>
<p><b>Foundation Governors</b> agree to attend the Making Sense course in the first year of their appointment, as well as Safeguarding Training (next is in the summer term) within three months. All governors are encouraged to attend these courses.</p>		
<p>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>          February at          12.30pm</p>		<p>Diversity on governance boards. This session falls during Racial Awareness Week. The focus will be on equality and unconscious bias as well as the need to examine recruiting governors including the challenge of finding younger, gender and racial diversity.  <i>For all Governors.</i></p>
<p>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>          February at          10am</p>		<p>Governors are expected to monitor. But what might that entail? What do you do when you visit the school? What other ways are there of carrying out this role. Help will also be provided on asking the right questions. (A repeat of a session run last term)  <i>For all Governors.</i></p>
<p>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>          March at 2pm</p>		<p>This course is for governors of schools expecting a SIAMS this term or in the summer term. Explore the importance of vision and how you can prepare for an inspection. NB This is for schools inspected under the current SIAMS Schedule and <b>NOT</b> the new Framework coming into force in September 2023.</p>

## Save the Date – Other Training in March – Please book

Please note the Network sessions and if for you, book soon.

	Weds 15th	3pm	60 mins	Chairs Network
	Weds 15th	4pm	90 mins	Governors & Heads Partnership - a renewed approach to accountability
	Thurs 23rd	2pm	60 mins	Governance Professionals Network
	Fri 31st	12.15pm	45 mins	Easter Reflection for governors

## SIAMS – Statutory Inspections of Methodist and Anglican Schools

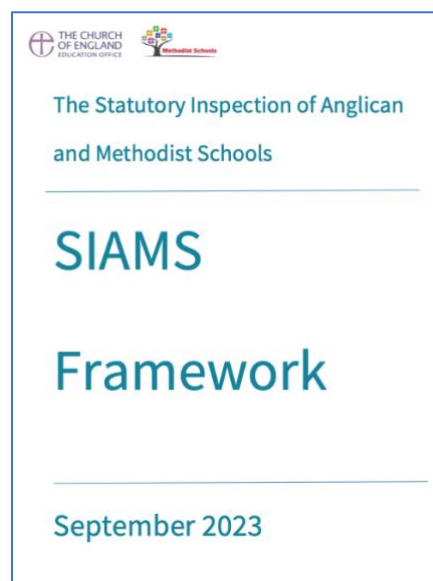
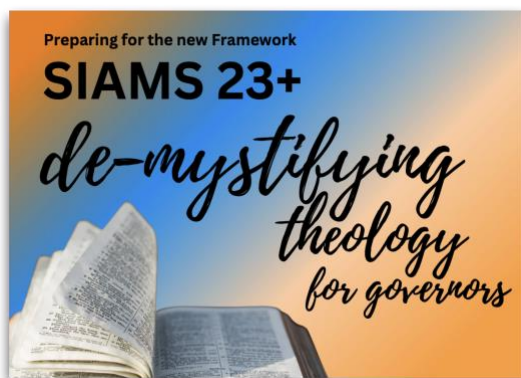


From September 2023 there will be a new SIAMS Framework.

Virtual Training Sessions for Governors are being planned and prepared on 'SIAMS Framework Uncovered', and 'De-mystifying theology' are emerging. Watch out as well for Podcast episodes in this term and beyond

**Book the dates:** 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.

[Click here](#)



You can find all the new SIAMS documents on the [CEEO website](#) (you will need to scroll down to the relevant section). If, once you have read and reflected on the new framework and the accompanying documents, you have any urgent questions or concerns please don't hesitate to email [mike.simmonds@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:mike.simmonds@chichester.anglican.org)

## Headteachers Conference – 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Have you encouraged and supported your headteacher to attend this important conference? Time out to reflect and learn is vital for school leaders. Governors play a strategic role in encouraging them to take advantage of such opportunities. Details can be found by [clicking here](#).

## Notes

You can advertise your [vacancies on the Diocesan website](#). Please email your specific vacancies, the skills you have identified you need and an email address for potential governors to express an interest to [Michelle Perry](#)

The process for **nominating Foundation Governors** is an online system for both appointments and reappointments. Please contact [Michelle Perry](#) with the full name and contact email address of the nominee who needs the form to complete.

Please keep the Diocese up to date with your **Governing Body Information** using the Request Form in [WORD format found here](#)

## This months recommended Grove Book



Many schools will have been inviting Open the Book in for Collective Worship. They have been active for more than twenty years bringing Bible stories to life for primary school children in the UK.

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Please remember to forward this email to all your colleague governors.

Finally, we can find strength in standing together, praying for each other. In 2023, I'd encourage you to do both and if I can support you in any way please do be in touch.

Warmest thanks,

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