



Living God's Love in Education: Enabling Life in all its Fullness  
**Training, Network and Development Opportunities**

Summer Term 2021

Diocese of St Albans educational services to schools offer  
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All sessions will be held **via Zoom** unless otherwise stated.

- To inquire about availability please contact Hannah Puddefoot on [hpuddefoot@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:hpuddefoot@stalbans.anglican.org)  
Please state the title and date of the event and provide an email address for the attendee.
- Applicants will be advised by e-mail that a place has been reserved for them, and an invoice sent subsequently, where appropriate.
- Further information, including a Zoom meeting link, will be sent nearer the date.
- Where a delegate is unable to attend, 12 hours' notice of cancellation must be given to allow a refund to be made.
- We reserve the right to cancel events where low numbers would compromise the quality of the session.

# Summer Term Courses (to be held via Zoom)

## Developing Excellent RE in Line with the Statement of Entitlement

**Date:** This course will be split into 2 sessions and delegates will need to attend both.

These will be -

- 20 April, 4-6pm
- 4 May, 4-6pm

**Facilitator:** Ryan Parker (RE and Christian Ethos Adviser)

### Overview

These sessions will give space for teachers to explore various aspects of the Church of England Statement of Entitlement for RE alongside other teachers, considering how the Statement can inform your school's RE offer. Aspects will include:

- How to ensure curriculum maps are coherent and sequential?
- How is RE an expression of the school's vision?
- What is meant by a 'balanced RE curriculum', which enquires into religions and worldviews through theology, philosophy and the social sciences?

**Charge:** £50 (£25 for SLA members)

## Spiritual Development in Schools

**Date:** 23 April. 10am-12pm

**Facilitator:** Ryan Parker (RE and Christian Ethos Adviser)

### Overview

The course aims to support all those working in and with schools. The questions to be explored throughout the session include:

- What do we mean by 'spirituality'?
- How can the school support all pupils in their spiritual development, enabling all to flourish?
- How can we provide curricular opportunities for pupils to engage with spiritual and ethical issues?
- How does each subject contribute towards spiritual development?
- How can collective worship contribute to the spiritual development of all?

**Charge:** £30 (£10 for SLA members)

## Safeguarding for Governors

**Date:** 28 April, 7:30-9pm

**Facilitator:** Lizzie Jeanes (Deputy Director of Education)

### Overview

Safeguarding is crucial to the effective running of any school. This course is designed to help inform governors in their role of supporting leadership teams to ensure that the ethos of safeguarding is well established within their school. Lizzie will use her experience to prepare governors for the types of questions they will be asked at inspection, enabling them to respond with confidence.

**Charge:** £15 (£5 for SLA members)

## Understanding Christianity Day 1

**Dates:** Day 1 of this course will be split into 3 sessions and delegates will need to attend all three. These will be -

- Session 1 - 5 May, 4-6pm
- Session 2 - 12 May, 4-6pm
- Session 3 - 19 May, 4-6pm

**Facilitator:** Ryan Parker (RE and Christian Ethos Adviser)

### Overview

Understanding Christianity is a course for all co-ordinators, teachers, TAs and HTLAs involved with RE in church and community primary and middle schools who may have not yet trained in using this important resource.

**Charge:** £75 (£30 for SLA members)

## Collective Worship Training

**Date:** 18 May, 10am-4pm

**Facilitator:** Ryan Parker (RE and Christian Ethos Adviser)

### Overview

This full-day course is an opportunity to explore and develop a clear understanding of Collective Worship in Church of England schools. The place of Collective Worship in SIAMS will be considered, as well as practical strategies to enhance and strengthen provision in school.

**Charge:** £50 (£25 for SLA members)

## Collective Worship Surgeries

**Date:** There will be 6 x 30-min slots on 21 May from 10am-1pm

**Facilitator:** Ryan Parker (RE and Christian Ethos Adviser)

### Overview

An opportunity to meet with a collective worship specialist to discuss aspects of effective practice in your context.

Sessions to be booked in 30-minute slots and used to discuss areas such as:

- The planning, leading and evaluation of collective worship
- Ensuring collective worship provision is creative and diverse, offering an opportunity for all to grow spiritually

Please outline the areas you wish to discuss when booking.

**Each session is for 30 minutes and must be booked in advance.**

**Charge:** Free

## Ofsted for Governors

**Date:** 25 May, 7:30-9pm

**Facilitator:** Lizzie Jeanes (Deputy Director of Education)

The role of governors in the leadership of a school is vital. This is an opportunity to become familiar with Ofsted's 'School inspection handbook' and the associated documents and guidance. This session will allow governors to get to grips with the changes and practical realities of inspection.

**Charge:** £15 (£5 for SLA members)

## SIAMS Framework: the impact of the framework on vision, distinctive Christian character, collective worship and RE

**Date:** 28 May, 10am-4pm

**Facilitators:** Lizzie Jeanes (Deputy Director of Education)

Ryan Parker (RE and Christian Ethos Adviser)

### Overview

The day will focus on the C of E Vision for Education and the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) framework. Headteachers and senior leaders will explore how the framework impacts on key areas of being a church school, such as the school vision, the school's distinctive Christian Character, collective worship and RE.

**Charge:** £50 (£25 for SLA members)

## **New to Teaching RE in a Church School**

**Date:** 8 June, 10am-12pm

**Facilitator:** Ryan Parker (RE and Christian Ethos Adviser)

### **Overview**

This session is for those new to teaching or leading RE in a church school.

The course will:

- explore the aims and purposes of RE in a church school
- signpost to key resources and guidance
- give an opportunity to network with other RE practitioners across the diocese
- provide space to discuss any questions you may have

**Charge:** £30 (£10 for SLA members)

## **RE Subject Leader Network**

**Date:** 8 June, 4-5pm

**Facilitator:** Ryan Parker (RE and Christian Ethos Adviser)

### **Overview**

This termly meeting will provide an opportunity for RE subject leaders in church schools to network with other subject leaders, sharing good practice and ideas. These will include a short topical briefing from the diocesan RE Adviser on the provision of RE in Church of England schools (e.g. curriculum design, resources, local and national RE updates).

**Charge:** Free

## **Collective Worship Leader Network**

**Date:** 9 June, 4-5pm

**Facilitator:** Ryan Parker (RE and Christian Ethos Adviser)

### **Overview**

This will provide an opportunity for collective worship leads in church schools to network with other leaders, sharing good practice and ideas. These termly meetings will include a short topical briefing from the diocesan RE and Christian Ethos Adviser on the provision of collective worship in Church of England schools (e.g. class-based/bubble worship, resources, pupil-led worship).

**Charge:** Free

## New to Teaching in a Church School

**Date:** 10 June, 4-6pm

**Facilitator:** Ryan Parker (RE and Christian Ethos Adviser)

### Overview

This session is for those new to teaching in a church school. The course will:

- Explore what it means to be a Church of England school
- Consider the place of a school's distinctive Christian vision and what this means for our practice
- Signpost to key resources and guidance
- Give an opportunity to network with other practitioners across the diocese

**Charge:** £30 (£10 for SLA members)

## Curriculum Design Surgeries

**Date:** These will be offered as 45 min slots on the following days -

- 14 June between 1-6pm
- 15 June between 8am-1pm

**Facilitator:** Lizzie Jeanes (Deputy Director of Education)

### Overview

What is the intent for your curriculum area? How is it implemented? What is the impact? These 1:1 phone or Zoom surgeries allow subject leaders to reflect on their subject area and the next steps in development.

**Each session is for 45 minutes and must be booked in advance.**

**Cost:** £20 (£10 for SLA members)

## Admissions Update

**Date:** 15 June, 7-8:30pm

**Facilitator:** Bob Garrard (Admissions Adviser)

### Overview

The briefing will cover proposed changes to the School Admissions Code due to come into force on 1st September 2021 and will focus on actions that governors need to take. The session will also look at compliance issues raised by the Schools Adjudicator following from the Covid-19 variation requests.

**Charge:** Free

## Stand Alone Academy Network Meeting

**Date:** 21 June, 10:30am-12pm

**Facilitators:** David Morton (Director of Education)

Charlotte Johnson (Deputy Director of Education)

Lizzie Jeanes (Deputy Director of Education)

### Overview

The Academies Headteacher Network provides an opportunity to meet and collaborate with colleagues and to receive short briefings from available officers. It provides head teachers of standalone academies and small MATs with the opportunity to learn from each other and share good practice.

**Charge:** Free

## Capturing the Golden Thread: 'Tell Me About Your School' Sessions for Headteachers

**Dates:** These will be offered as 1 hr slots on the following days -

- 22 June between 8am-1pm
- 28 June between 1pm-6pm

**Facilitator :** Lizzie Jeanes (Deputy Director of Education)

### Overview

The last 18 months have been extraordinary and school leaders have done exceptional things to meet the needs of their communities. As we move back into more normal times, take the opportunity to reflect on that journey and capture those golden threads that wove the school together, provided support for those in need and lived out the school's vision. These 1:1 sessions will lead to a completed review of this time for headteachers to use in planning and self-evaluation.

**Charge:** Free

## Senior Leaders Retreat 2021: Lord of all Hopefulness

### Dates:

- Hope and Adversity: **29 June** at the Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City
- Hope and Certainty: **30 June** at the Forest Centre, Marston Moretaine
- Hope and a Future: **1 July** at Putteridge Bury Conference Centre, Luton
- Hope and Peace: **2 July** at Hitchin Priory, Hitchin (Please note women's toilets are not wheelchair accessible at this venue).

### Overview

These four separate but inter-connected days will aim to offer a space to stop, reflect and look hopefully to the future. Each day will consist of 3 sessions led by parish priests from across the diocese, interspersed with time for prayer, reflection and discussion. You are welcome to attend any one or more of those days.

**Charge:** £40 per day

## SIAMS for Governors

**Date:** 14 July, 7-8:30pm

**Facilitators :** Lizzie Jeanes (Deputy Director of Education)  
Ryan Parker (RE and Christian Ethos Adviser)

### Overview

This session will focus on the CofE Vision for Education and the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) framework. It will give space for governors to explore how the framework impacts on key areas of being a church school and what this means for governance.

**Charge:** £15 (£5 for SLA members)



## Building Diversity on Diocesan Governing Boards

**Date:** 13 May, 12:30-2:30pm

### Overview

This **free** online session is with Sharon Warmington, of the National Black Governors Network. It will cover issues such as fostering an inclusive and diverse culture on governing boards, recruiting a diverse range of governors, and strategic succession planning to build diversity

The benefits of attending this session include:

- Understanding why diversity is vital to good governance and will benefit your school community as a whole
- Gaining an insight into appropriate language and approaches to attract and recruit governors from diverse backgrounds, including how to reach out to Black-led churches and Black professional networks
- Obtaining practical tips in securing and maintaining a strong and diverse base of skilled governors, while retaining the unique character of Church of England schools

This is a joint event with London Diocese, in partnership with the National Black Governors Network (NBGN)

If you would like to attend, you can register via Eventbrite by following this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/building-diversity-on-diocesan-governing-boards-with-sharon-warmington-tickets-137618517691>.

When registering, in the text box that asks for London Diocese schools to indicate their local authority, St Albans Diocese governors should just enter 'St Albans Diocese'.