

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the November 2020 Information Flyer. We hope you'll find the following items of interest to you and your school. Please circulate to all staff and particularly those responsible for environmental sustainability, RE, SIAMS and Collective Worship.

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### 1. CofE Professional Qualification for Headship

The Foundation for Educational Leadership have made the decision to deliver next year's [Church of England Professional Qualification for Headship](#) primarily virtually. This will be provided at the lower price of £1150+VAT.

In light of this change, a final opportunity for leaders to apply is being provided- the deadline has been extended to **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at noon.

In addition, there are **20 remaining All Saints Educational Trust bursaries** which give any school under 210 pupils a £500 reduction from the total inc. VAT price, moving it from £1380 to £880 incl. VAT. These bursaries will be offered to the next 20 eligible applicants.

*"The CofEPQH is the highest quality CPD I've ever had. I can honestly say that everyday I use something I learnt on the training. It's invaluable and has helped shape me as a leader."* Nicola Moran, Deputy Head, 2020

More information can be found at [www.cefel.org.uk/cofepqh](http://www.cefel.org.uk/cofepqh).

### 2. Establishing Peace in Ourselves – Becoming Places of Peace for Others

We are delighted to be able to host another meditation session for school leaders via Zoom on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** from 10 am for approximately 90 minutes. Please use the following link:

**Establishing Peace in Ourselves – Becoming Places of Peace for Others**

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<https://dioceseofnorwich-org.zoom.us/j/81654805656?pwd=cnIDRy9LWkZTeDhPTlYvanVpeFgIZz09>

Meeting ID: 816 5480 5656

Passcode: 894992

John Ford (Principal at Open Academy) joined the previous session and shared this testimony with us:

*Chris's introduction session revealed to me how I might begin to reduce my own day to day suffering.*

*His practice highlights how life's inevitable challenges and pains can be managed better by reducing how we make our selves suffer by our constant replaying, prodding and probing thoughts about our everyday tribulations big and small 'Turning down' those thoughts and releasing myself from the suffering they bring is a skill I am now actively pursuing.*

*Chris helps to guide that skill development, rooting it in the long-standing Christian tradition of meditation, although I found his sessions to be as acceptable and helpful to a secular audience as it appealed to my spiritual side.*

This blog from Chris Whittington exemplifies the benefits of meditation

<https://blog.anthonycollins.com/post/102gjd2/head-teachers-and-covid-stress-forming-a-new-relationship-with-what-life-throws>

Every Saturday morning, Chris offers a mediation online <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meditation-in-the-christian-tradition-weekly-practice-sessions-tickets-115794330961>

**For further information please see the attached.**

## 3. Christmas Cards for Care Homes

A message from Archant news group:

I am writing to your school about a project I am looking to run in the paper this December called Christmas Cards for Care Homes. I have been approaching care home groups in the region and have received confirmation from 23 care homes at the moment that would be happy to participate in the project. The idea is that due to the pandemic and the impact on residents not being able to see their families as frequently, we would like to ask primary schools to write individual cards addressed to residents so they will have a card addressed to them this year.

I know many schools in the past work with care homes in their community and wonder if you would like to join forces with the paper as part of our project. I would look to see how many pupils may be able to take part in this project without disturbing your term and pair you with a care home/group of a similar size. As part of this, if the school is happy for our visual team to take pictures when you are making the cards, we can arrange a day and time to fit with the school and your covid policies. Some care homes have also indicated they would like to make cards for the children.

We would like to see if that is something you would be happy for us to organise and arrange and logistically what is the safest way to ensure these cards get from the school to the care homes by the middle of December.

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; Clarissa Place on [Clarissa.Place@archant.co.uk](mailto:Clarissa.Place@archant.co.uk) or telephone 01603 772453.**

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## 4. Prayer for the Nation



The Church of England have released some videos and prayers for schools to use every week as part of Prayer for the Nation

To access the complete resources, click on the following link (you will have to scroll to the middle of the webpage to find the Prayers in Schools section):

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation#monday>

An example of a School prayer video can be seen via the following link:

<https://youtu.be/usjK9YQoPdE>

## 5. Caring for our world project

### Can you help? Caring for our world project

The Education Team is currently working hard behind the scenes to produce a new eco booklet and we would like your help to make it as practical and relevant as possible.

1. One of the ideas that we have is to include short pupil prayers about caring for our world and we are looking to include up to 10 short prayers (a maximum of 50 words) in our booklet. Please could you encourage your pupils to take part in the is project and email all prayers by 20<sup>th</sup> December to [jon.moule@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:jon.moule@dioceseofnorwich.org)
2. We would also like to include a list of creation/eco songs for schools to use so please email any suggestions to us.
3. To make the booklet reflect our family of schools, we would like to include scanned pupil artwork about creation. Again, please email any contributions by 20<sup>th</sup> December to [jon.moule@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:jon.moule@dioceseofnorwich.org)
4. We would be interested to add some case studies to the publication with how you have used Bible stories to inspire eco projects, contact [jon.moule@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:jon.moule@dioceseofnorwich.org)

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## 6. TEACH: RE



### What is Teach: RE?

Teach: RE is a collection of distance learning modules for teachers of religion and worldviews. The modules are designed for Primary and Secondary teachers in all school types.

Teach: RE enables participants to access a wide range of CPD at a pace that suits them.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER**

## 7. Advent resources

Brand-new resource for Advent 2020, **Sacred Spaces at Advent**. A free, interactive resource for KS2 and KS3 pupils for teachers to use in the classroom, for collective worship or at home.



It includes four weeks of content to inspire children and young people to explore the **moments of stillness** found in the Christmas story and to think about how they can explore **sacred spaces** in their everyday lives, with video contributions from the Archbishop of York.

The resources can be accessed here: [www.abbyt.com/projects/sacred-spaces](http://www.abbyt.com/projects/sacred-spaces).

### TRAINING UPDATE

**All training from December 2020 through till April 2021 will be via Zoom and places are to be booked via Event Brite, the timing and cost have now been amended to reflect this change**