

INFORMATION FLYER

June 2021

Dear Colleagues,

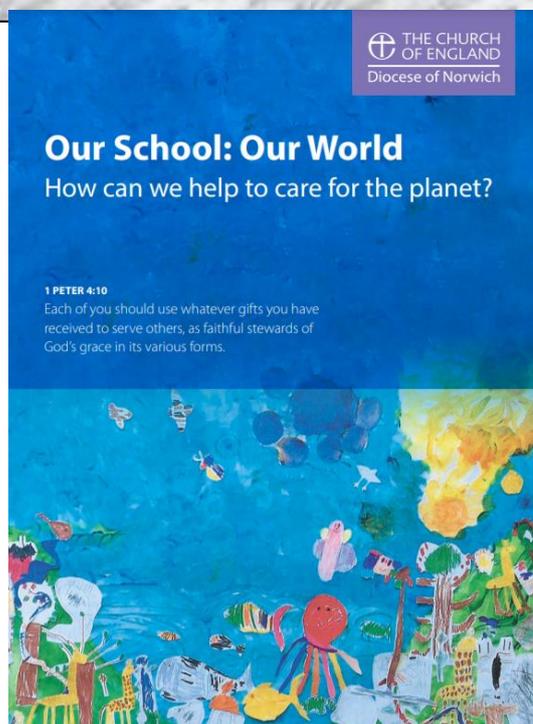
Welcome to the June 2021 Information Flyer. We hope you'll find the following items of interest to you and your school. Please circulate to all staff and particularly subject leaders.

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1. Eco Booklet – Our School: Our World



The Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) are excited to launch a refreshed publication 'Our School: Our World' which has been designed to support all schools in enabling staff and pupils to play their part in realising this commitment to care for the planet. *See attached for further details and can also be viewed here: <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/schools/our-planet/>*

2. Festival of Learning - Inspiring Norfolk



Inspiring Norfolk is a festival of learning open to all Norfolk schools and their communities. All schools will be able to access a rich range of inspiring, creative and meaningful resources and activities to enrich their curriculum and support wellbeing during June and July 2021. Everything on offer will enable the school community to benefit from all Norfolk has to offer.

Visit their website here: <https://www.inspiringnorfolk.co.uk>

3. Christian Values – Picture News webinar 15 June 2021

Picture News provides weekly teaching resources linked to current affairs in the wider world. Their resources are designed to provide opportunities for children to learn from our world and develop respect for other's beliefs, feelings and faiths.

Free of charge webinar for all C of E schools. The 1hr session will be led by SIAMS Inspector and Blackburn Diocesan Adviser Lisa Fenton and Assistant Headteacher and English Lead James Young.

Using Picture News to Support Christian Values

Tuesday 15th June, 4-5pm

Book your place [here](#). If you are unable to attend on the day, recordings will be sent to all those who have registered.



4. Sing Up Day – 30 June 2021

Singing is vital for wellbeing and this website is full of free resources including an inspirational song 'We Are Unstoppable' by Emily Barden ready for Sing Up Day on 30th June

<https://www.singup.org/summer-of-singing>

5. STEM subject leaders and teachers

STEM Learning UK provide excellent support and resources for those leading Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects. We encourage subject leaders and interested teachers to get involved with the [STEM Community](#) which already has over 5,000 teachers registered. The well-established [STEM Ambassador](#) programme is also worth exploring and is free of charge! STEM subjects are brought to life by over 30,000 volunteers, supporting learning, bringing careers to life and raising aspirations.

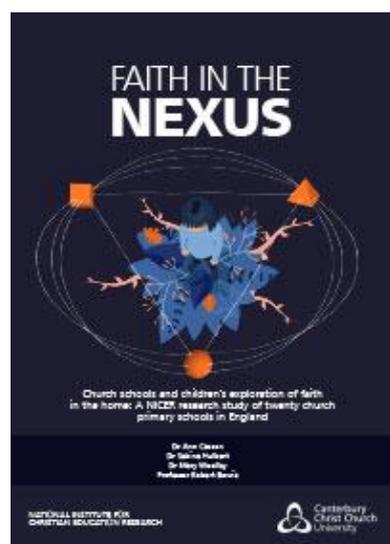
6. Explore the Bible with Bible Chat Mat

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/ministry/children-young-people/bible-chat-mat/>

Bible Chat Mat allows children, young people, and adults to read the Bible and have conversation together, whether around a meal table, sitting on the sofa or wherever works best. This activity can be done as a household, friends together, home group, Sunday group or in a school club.

Series 2 of the Bath and Wells Diocese Bible Chat Mats is now [available to purchase from the online shop for £20.00](#) as a downloadable pack. There are 19 Chat Mats themed around Christians Values. Each Bible Chat Mat links to a well-known Bible story.

7. Faith in the Nexus research



Faith in the Nexus is a project from NICER (National Institute for Christian Education Research) led by Dr Ann Casson. The Nexus refers to the connections between church school, the local church, and the home, and the project aimed to reveal the influence of these connections in children's developing spiritual life, and, specifically, how what happens in school impacts on children's faith and spiritual life at home. The project has identified the fruitful ways in which twenty church primary schools (working in collaboration with churches and other interested stakeholders) facilitate opportunities for the exploration of children's faith/spiritual life in the home.

To read the research report and view a short animation visit: <https://nicer.org.uk/faith-in-the-nexus>

On Wednesday 7th July there will be a seminar 'Spiritual Leadership of Church Primary School Headteachers' looking at how the Nexus head teachers interpreted their role as spiritual leaders. This comes from further analysis of Nexus data, not referenced in the Nexus report. Maximum 25 people. For booking, please contact gill.harrison@canterbury.ac.uk.

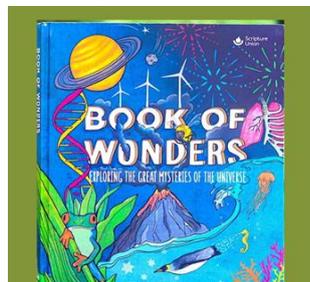
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8. Green Pastures - End of Year gifts



A super resource from Scripture Union to help children with the transition to school and high school.



Perfect for prize giving. Endorsed by the Faraday Institute, full of scientific fact.

Green Pastures is a local Christian bookshop who work with several schools. They report that 'At this time of year, we have many Church Schools contacting us for ideas about End of Year gifts. We would be thrilled to help and keen to offer discounts for larger orders.'

Contact details: 01362 697953, shop@greenpasturesdereham.org.uk

9. RHS Chelsea Flower Show 21-26 September 2021 - create a Psalm 23 garden



At this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show, which will take place between 21 and 26 September, there will be a show garden on the theme of Psalm 23, sponsored by the Bible Society. Past Chelsea gold medal winner Sarah Eberle has designed a garden which will bring Psalm 23 to life.

Be inspired to create a Psalm 23 garden of your own, or to give new life to an existing garden. To help make creating a Psalm 23-inspired school garden easy, free videos and downloadable resources are available at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/psalm-23/>.

- A gardening guide, which sets out how to create a Psalm 23 garden on any scale, from a just a couple of planters to a larger space
- An assembly in which children can learn more about Psalm 23 and reflect on what it means for them
- Some resources for lessons about Psalm 23 and gardens in the Bible
- An opportunity to obtain some free trees from the Woodland Trust to get the garden started

The resources have been written with primary schools in mind, but secondary schools are also very welcome to get involved, and the resources would be easily adaptable for pupils in Year 7.

Mike Otter
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10. Inspiring and topical Collective Worship videos

Collective Worship Faith at Home Series

The Church of England have released a series of exciting videos which can be used to supplement your collective worship. The latest videos focus on diversity, poverty and climate change; three key national and diocesan topics and generate thought provoking questions to explore with pupils.

SCROLL DOWN TO - Series 3 resources – Social Justice <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/faith-home/i-am-school-leader#na>

11. Training

Final two training sessions this academic year!!

Headteachers' Forum	17/06/2021	Headteachers' Forum
Teaching statutory Relationships, Relationships and Sex (RSE) and Health Education in Church Schools and Academies	24/06/2021	Teaching statutory relationships & RSHE



Reminder of the training offer 2021-2022
www.DofN.org/training