**To           :              Headteachers; Chairs of Governors; Foundation Governors; Ex-officio clergy; Deputy Headteachers; RE Coordinators**

(and please forward widely to your contacts & networks)

**From     :               Jeff Williams**

**Date      :               2nd November 2022**

**Re           :              Fortnightly bulletin and resources from the Diocesan Education Team**

Dear colleagues

I wonder if anyone in our wide numerical readership attended the **Loo of The Year Awards** (or even knew about them!)?  Equally, I wonder if anyone is on Instagram and saw the recent post that reached millions of instagrammers :  **‘16 Instagrammable toilets in London’**.  Hmmmmmm…………. They are truly amazing places of creative art and engineering, but behind this celebration lies some sad reality on the same focus -  locally, nationally and internationally.

Toilets are something we, well, for the most part, either celebrate on Instagram, or just take for granted. Flushing in private and access to basic sanitation is something we just don’t discuss, as it’s a given.

For 4.2 billion (yes, that’s BILLION) people however, this basic access to sanitation is denied – that’s  a whopping 40% of the world. Of that huge number, 1.7 billion people don’t have somewhere safe to go to the toilet. More people worldwide have access to mobile phones than to toilets.  These statistics sit in the fact-realm that over the past 200 years, toilets have been significant players in adding twenty years to the human lifespan. Good sanitation and toilet facilities decrease the risk for malnutrition and disease – and with diarrhoeal disease being the second leading cause of death among children under 5, is entirely preventable.

In the UK we aren’t doing so well on the toilet front despite the National Awards and Instagram photos. The organisation **Changing Places Toilets** wants to see Changing Places Toilets installed in all public venues, so that everyone, regardless of their access needs or disability or reliance on the assistance of carers or specialist equipment, can use a toilet facility with dignity and hygienically. People with profound and multiple learning disabilities or with physical disabilities such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis often need extra equipment and space to allow them to use the toilets safely and comfortably. Changing Places Toilets enable anyone, regardless of their disability, to go to the shops, attend hospital appointments, enjoy community life, socialise and travel. All the things that most of us take for granted every day.

But there is hope and there are achievable solutions : Since 2013 the **United Nations** has observed **World Toilet Day on 19th November** – it offers the perfect opportunity for your staff team, school council, PCC, school, church or just you individually to connect with global injustice, to bring to the attention of adults, youth and children about sharing God’s love and generosity with others. Why not share with those you meet / influence / serve why toilets are so important, particularly in countries less affluent than ours:

* When a family has access to a toilet, their income increases as parents don’t get sick so often and can work more – and don’t fall into debt by paying for medicines to deal with sanitation-related illnesses.
* When a school has toilets, more girls finish education instead of dropping out when their periods start.
* Children miss school because they are collecting water or suffering from illness
* Women and girls are particularly vulnerable to snake attacks as they go to the toilet in the open, especially where the culture dictates they go out at night
* When a community has toilets, health improves, diseases decrease, well-being increases, dignity is obvious. [**Games and activities for youth and children**](https://url6.mailanyone.net/scanner?m=1ol9cR-0005Hb-41&d=4%7Cmail%2F14%2F1666188000%2F1ol9cR-0005Hb-41%7Cin6e%7C57e1b682%7C11094928%7C7440907%7C635002FBB1E3419D31DA7F34AF82026A&s=eYtN0HOgfo-POEKeOf14GWh1ggM&o=%2Fphto%3A%2Fttsntiliwinetlungs9.i.seat-cag.mnktomcac%2F%2Fr1klifu%3D2c%3Fc5c2c80c5975ca0206fcai007%3D26%26def0067%26%3D02288e6fc99)

**So would you please consider twinning a loo in your school, home, church or parish hall?** There are fun ways to achieve this, but for just £60 you can help build a toilet for a family who have never had access to a safe, clean toilet before! Do please consider joining in the [#BigPush](https://url6.mailanyone.net/scanner?m=1ol9cR-0005Hb-41&d=4%7Cmail%2F14%2F1666188000%2F1ol9cR-0005Hb-41%7Cin6e%7C57e1b682%7C11094928%7C7440907%7C635002FBB1E3419D31DA7F34AF82026A&s=3GteP7R35_613hjtBSCRMhhpxdE&o=%2Fphto%3A%2Fttsntiliwinetlungs9.i.seat-cag.mnktomcac%2F%2Fr1klifu%3D2c%3Fc5c2c80c5975ca0206fcei008%3Df5%26de90f66%26%3D97288e6fc99) for World Toilet Day on 19th November. You can also share photos on your social media pages and tag [#ToiletTwinning](https://url6.mailanyone.net/scanner?m=1ol9cR-0005Hb-41&d=4%7Cmail%2F14%2F1666188000%2F1ol9cR-0005Hb-41%7Cin6e%7C57e1b682%7C11094928%7C7440907%7C635002FBB1E3419D31DA7F34AF82026A&s=Vt-dllW2_kMpUxAWS4592n8tRkc&o=%2Fphto%3A%2Fttsntiliwinetlungs9.i.seat-cag.mnktomcac%2F%2Fr1klifu%3D2c%3Fc5c2c80c5975ca0206fc4i009%3Dd3%26de1586f%26%3D89288e6fc99) to help raise awareness. More details including resources for children, young people and adults are at : <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

With blessed wishes

**Jeff**

**Academisation Consultation : Phase 3 meetings - all schools need to attend, despite current government uncertainties**

As promised when we met before the summer holidays, at the next Phase of meetings I will outline a range of structures, models and academy destinations that the Diocesan Board of Education will consider. When the DBE is close to coming to a decision, we will engage in Phase 4 discussions with you. If there are specific questions or areas you’d like me to consider including at the next series of meetings, please email my pa Sam.powell@portsmouth.anglican.org

**Please note** – **despite the current silence on Academisation, we still need a diocesan policy for those schools opting to become academies, and indeed for our Stand Alone Academies in determining their MAT destinations (and for all schools if/when the total academisation agenda is implemented). It is therefore really important that all schools are represented in these consultation meetings as the policy will apply to all schools. Your views and feedback to the DBE as it determines the policy are critical and will be binding for all CofE schools in our two dioceses.**

It’s important that places are **booked in advance** – please contact my pa Sam.powell@portsmouth.anglican.org Thank you.

Thursday 10th November, 1.30pm – 3.30pm - St Pauls Church, Oak Road, Bursledon, Southampton, SO31 8DU

Thursday 10th November, 6pm-8pm. Online – MS Teams

Monday 14TH November, 10am-12pm – St Barnabas Church, Fromond Road, Winchester SO22 6DS

Tuesday 15th November, 10am-12pm – St Katharine’s School, Rolls Drive, Southbourne, Bournemouth BH6 4NA

Tuesday 22nd November 12pm-2pm – Christ the King College, Wellington Road, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5QT

Wednesday 23rd November 10am-12pm – Diocesan Office, Peninsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth PO2 8HB – no parking on site, please park at the ferry terminal (5 min walk)

**Prayer Cards for our Ukranian families.** Please see the creative prayer cards attached and on our websites – we commend these to schools and parishes where you have Ukranian children and families. We’d be pleased if these could be forwarded widely to support schools and parishes who may not routinely receive this Bulletin.

<https://www.winchester.anglican.org/about-us/education-schools/resources-for-schools/prayers/>

<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/education/resources/prayer/>

**An afternoon of music fun at Winchester Cathedral - Saturday 12th November** 2:30pm-6:30pm, this free afternoon event is open to any boy in Year 3 (aged 7 or 8) who would like to learn more about life as a Chorister at Winchester Cathedral.As part of the event, you will spend the afternoon singing with the Cathedral’s Music Director, and there will also be an opportunity to visit the Organ Loft, try on a cassock and sing Evensong with the current choristers.Parents are warmly invited to join the Cathedral Music Department for refreshments throughout the day, and to learn more about the Choristers’ unique opportunities and meet the team who take great care of them at The Pilgrims’ School. *Note that boys need to obtain a place at The Pilgrims’ School to be a Chorister.* Booking is essential: please email: choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk The Pilgrims’ School: To watch a video and for some useful information about Choral Auditions at The Pilgrims’ School, visit: <https://www.thepilgrims-school.co.uk/choral-auditions>To contact The Pilgrim’s School, please email: Admissions@pilgrims-school.co.uk

**SIAMS National Update 3rd November** - further to the flyer a few weeks ago, we have been sent this message by the SIAMS National Office:

*The National SIAMS Team would like to thank all those who have registered, or who have tried to register, to attend one of the national update sessions on Thursday 3rd November. Due to an unexpectedly high response, the session registration capacity has been reached and the link that was shared previously is no longer allowing people to register their attendance. Consequently, we are now sharing the link that will allow you to gain direct access to the session of your choice. Please do not share this link with anyone apart from those members of your team who plan to attend the sessions. Thank you.*

*Thursday 3 November 10am-11.30am* [*Click here to join 10am meeting*](https://url6.mailanyone.net/scanner?m=1ob2Ds-000Cdm-4w&d=4%7Cmail%2F14%2F1663776000%2F1ob2Ds-000Cdm-4w%7Cin6f%7C57e1b682%7C11094928%7C7440907%7C632B363C2FA847BD107FA7045DFD66F3&s=xEnJAOrwehWRb8-Y-vzj2v_ipYw&o=%2Fphte%3A%2Fttsr.amsicosm%2F.of%2Fomltcjtmeip-oeum9n%2Fe3ae1%25YgtiMMzyn_NOjkdMtT4WR0iMLYWki0ONWJQItDkzkEyMMMTwm2h%25jEe0tr14%3Fvado%2F0c.27xnt%25%3D%25bet2i223%252%25Td22a%2565e429-33b7b04-a-9b48c15-a477c0e8f7e2%25%252Oc%25222a2id2%253%25%252f627-a8ca819e7-4e7a-ee99cd5aa-%2548b244224d7%25)

*Thursday 3 November 6pm-7.30pm* [*Click here to join the 6pm meeting*](https://url6.mailanyone.net/scanner?m=1ob2Ds-000Cdm-4w&d=4%7Cmail%2F14%2F1663776000%2F1ob2Ds-000Cdm-4w%7Cin6f%7C57e1b682%7C11094928%7C7440907%7C632B363C2FA847BD107FA7045DFD66F3&s=7uiOrtRakUZivkBUE7K9ZiMnJBI&o=%2Fphte%3A%2Fttsr.amsicosm%2F.of%2Fomltcjtmeip-oeum9n%2Fe3ae1%25YgtiNOT5n_OMTldItDlGE0lOLMG3S0ZOTgdQtT0TMQkNMNTw20h%25TIe0trw4%3Fvado%2F0c.27xnt%25%3D%25bet2i223%252%25Td22a%2565e429-33b7b04-a-9b48c15-a477c0e8f7e2%25%252Oc%25222a2id2%253%25%252f627-a8ca819e7-4e7a-ee99cd5aa-%2548b244224d7%25)

*The sessions will consist of a presentation by Dr Margaret James, National Director of SIAMS, and no questions will be able to be taken to the high number of attendees.*

**Interfaith Week** [Interfaith Week](https://www.interfaithweek.org/about) will take place **between 13th and 20th November 2022**. This is a great way to raise the profile of RE in your school and to reach out to your local community. Many schools combine it with [Anti-Bullying Week,](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2022-reach-out#:~:text=Anti-Bullying%20Week%202022%20is%20coordinated%20in%20England%20and,socks%20to%20celebrate%20what%20makes%20us%20all%20unique.) which starts off with Odd Sock Day, a simple way to celebrate our uniqueness.

**All Are Welcome Project -** We have put together a series of resources based on children’s picture books that celebrate racial diversity, including *The Proudest Blue, My Hair and Look Up!* The materials include classroom reflections, RE and art ideas and are aimed at Year 2 pupils, although they can be adapted for older or younger children. They have been trialled by Jan Thomas at Copythorne CofE Infant School and we are repeating online training on Wednesday 9th November. **This project is equally useful for parishes who link with Local Authority/Community Schools.** Please contact Jane Kelly if you would like more information and a Teams link. Jane.Kelly@portsmouth.anglican.org Project resources are now available at  <https://www.winchester.anglican.org/?s=%22All+Are+Welcome+Project%22>

<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/education/resources/projects/>

**Large Scale Art Installation at Winchester Cathedral** Peter Walker, artist-sculptor has now installed **The Light of Hope Star inside Winchester Cathedral**. We have 50 schools engaged – there’s still time to get involved. If you’re interested, please contact Sue.bowen@portsmouth.anglican.org or Jane.kelly@portsmouth.anglican.org In addition to the Resources from Peter Walker, we have created a set of resources for schools. These are particularly useful for any school with Hope as one of its school values – but are good for everyone!

**Christmas Projects : An Angel Just Like Me & The Christmas Star –** both of these projects have been launched with details circulated. *The Christmas Star* is a children’s book about ‘how even the smallest and humblest of stars can shine.’ The book has beautiful, culturally sensitive illustrations and we have written an accompanying reflection that can be used in Collective Worship or as a class reflection in both church schools and community schools. It would also be ideal for children’s groups in parishes. The resources can be found on the [Diocesan websites](https://www.winchester.anglican.org/about-us/education-schools/resources-for-schools/project-booklets-and-resources/) The reflections would tie in well with the Church of England [Follow the Star](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/advent-and-christmas-resources) Christmas materials, and our [Diocesan Christmas Project,](https://www.winchester.anglican.org/about-us/education-schools/resources-for-schools/project-booklets-and-resources/) based on the children’s book *An Angel Just Like Me,* which encourages schools and churches to explore the cultural stereotypes they may have around the Christmas story.

**Free : Natural Nations biodiversity training at HCC, Clarendon House, Winchester –** The LA has been working on an Erasmus+ project about biodiversity in school grounds and offer free training on the project & free resources will be available in the new year. The project covers four themes: **Habitats, Pollinators, Birds, Minibeasts** -  with resources for each theme: Information & lesson ideas across a range of curriculum areas; Surveys for school grounds & local spaces; Video animations demonstrating the surveys; A website for schools to upload their data for analysis by the team at Lund University in Sweden. The target age is upper primary and lower secondary, with adaptations for those with additional needs and younger pupils. **Sign up for one session : 1pm-5pm on 28th or 29th November, Clarendon House, Monarch Way, Winchester SO22 5PW – agenda attached**

**Staff Reflections –** each fortnight we send (separately) some simple reflections for staff to use during their busy day. These are a good introduction to Mindfulness / calming / de-cluttering / pondering, and often help people who are new to working in Church Schools, or are not practising Christians as a way-in to how we encourage Biblical reflections for class worship. The rationale is attached – and all of the reflections are available at : <https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/education/staff%20reflection/>

<https://www.winchester.anglican.org/about-us/education-schools/resources-for-schools/staff-reflections/>

**Pop UK Christmas Songs** Pop UK have produced some free Christmas resources for collective worship, such as the Shepherds’ Song with a rap, which can be downloaded [here](https://www.popuk.org/shepherds-song?dm_i=76M0,ANSU,15G6E9,1ABMJ,1)

**Spirited Arts Competition**The winners of the NATRE Spirited Arts competition have been announced and you can see the gallery of their entries [here.](https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-gallery/2022/) The titles for the 2023 competition can be found [here,](https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-2023/) including *We have far more in common with each other than that which divides us* and  *Green Faith, Green Future?*

**2022-23 Diocesan Education Project – ‘Everyday Ubuntu : Growing & Developing Together’ –** our project was recently launched. Project details attached and can  be located at : <https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/education/resources/projects/ubuntu/>                 <https://www.winchester.anglican.org/?s=%22Everyday+Ubuntu%22>

**Training Events for teachers, governors and parishes (relevant for Church Schools and Local Authority / community schools)**

Please email my pa Sam.powell@portsmouth to register for details of the remaining sessions this term:

**All Are Welcome**   : 9th November , 4:00 – 5:00   Online training to launch our new diversity project, based on a selection of  picture books. It is aimed primarily at Y2 children, but can be adapted up or down.

**Kindertransport workshops**  7th November, 3:30 – 5:00 (Northern schools) or 10th November, 3:30 – 5:00 (Southern schools)  A practical workshop for Y5 / 6 teachers with activities and resources to teach their pupils about the Kindertransport and the lessons we can learn from history. Ideal for use on Holocaust Memorial Day January 27th 2023.

**Joint school parish eco projects** 15th November 4-5.30pm A session to inspire and encourage joint eco projects between parishes and schools

**Induction training for recently appointed foundation governors** 15th November 6.30-8pm

**Collective worship training for foundation governors** 30th November 6.30-8pm

**Flourishing Together: CofE Foundation for Educational Leadership National Conference 2023.** The conference will take place on Friday 27th January 2023 at Union Chapel and St. Mary Magdalene Academy, Islington, London. Details on speakers, workshops and how to register can be found [here](https://url6.mailanyone.net/scanner?m=1od6OK-0001ZI-4l&d=4%7Cmail%2F14%2F1664268600%2F1od6OK-0001ZI-4l%7Cin6d%7C57e1b682%7C11094928%7C7440907%7C6332BAC468C05CC554BC9B5323DA411A&s=4iiaS4G_-o0yzyePZnBPx0lcP8Q&o=%2Fphth%3A%2Fctsnhurlfegcof.anrfaodt4nms0t%2F9.e3353).

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