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General functions

(1) The DBE for each diocese must—

(a) promote or assist in the promotion of education in the diocese that is consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England;

(b) promote or assist in the promotion of religious education and religious worship in schools in the diocese;

(c) promote or assist in the promotion of church schools in the diocese;

(d) promote co-operation between itself and other persons concerned with education in the diocese.

(2) The DBE for each diocese also has the functions conferred by sections 7 to 15.

(3) In this Measure, “function” means power or duty.

- [Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 2021](#)

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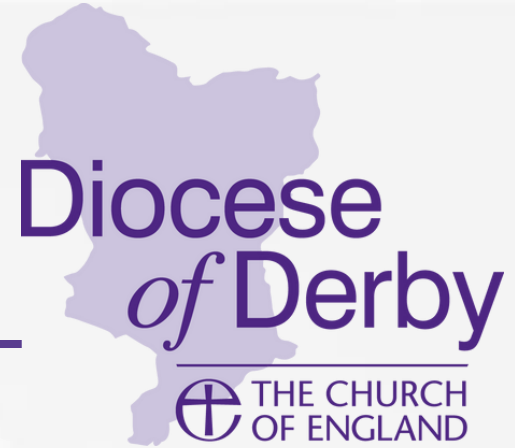


7 Advice

(1) The DBE for a diocese may (apart from whatever advice it is required to give under the following provisions of this section) give advice on matters affecting church schools in the diocese to—

- (a) the governing bodies or proprietors of those schools,
- (b) the trustees of church educational endowments, and
- (c) such other persons concerned with education in the diocese as the DBE considers appropriate.

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Alteration to the school – Two government documents to consider

[Making significant changes \('prescribed alterations'\) to maintained schools](#)

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/689475bd3080e72710b2e201/making-significant-changes-to-an-academy.pdf>

Changes could include

Mainstream school: establish/remove/alter SEN provision Many mainstream schools include dedicated provision for pupils with SEN, either SE

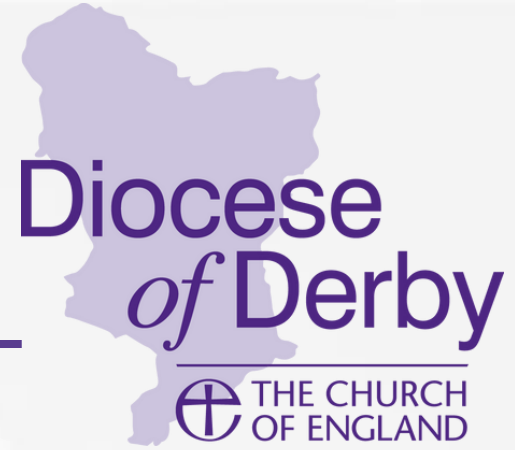
For adding a nursery Governing bodies of foundation and voluntary schools can propose an age range change of one year group or more (including adding or removing a sixth form but excluding changes related to nursery provision) by following the prescribed alterations' statutory process.

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- **Admissions Arrangements** – schools/governing bodies should seek advice prior to consultation
- **Alteration to Maintained Schools** – governing bodies should seek advice prior to publishing proposals
- **Alterations to Academy** - Before submitting a significant change application, academy trusts should have engaged with the DBE and site trustees to confirm that they have no objection to the proposed change.
- **Capital works** - The GB or the academy proprietor of a Church school which is on land which is on land in which a freehold or leasehold interest is held on trust for the purposes of a Church school must obtain the consent of the DBE before entering into an agreement or arrangement in connection with an alteration or repair of the premises of the school. NB - this does not apply if the estimated cost of the alteration or repair is less than such amount as the DBE may from time to time determine further to s 8 (5) of the Measure.
- <https://www.derbydbe.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/DBE-Buildings-Project-Authorisation-Notes.pdf>

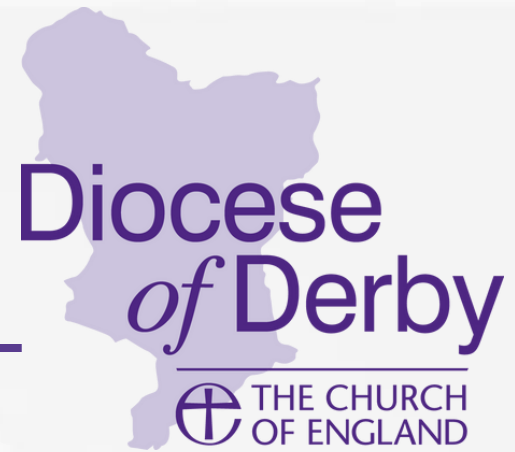
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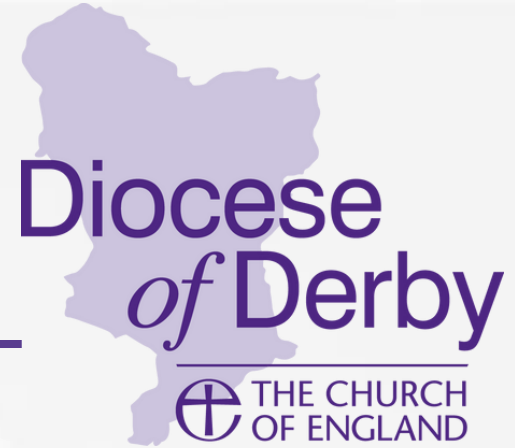
- ALL schools should provide information to assist DBE -The DBE may require the GB (or in the case of an Academy the proprietor) to provide information to assist the DBE undertaking its functions under the Measure. Where there is a question as to whether the GB or proprietor is prevented by law from providing information required the DBE or the governing body or proprietor may refer the question to the consistory court.
- Changes to the Instrument of Government and Articles of Association

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Although there is no longer a statutory ‘pre-publication’ consultation period for prescribed alteration changes, there is a strong expectation that governing bodies and local authorities will consult interested parties in developing their proposal prior to publication, to take into account all relevant considerations. **Governing bodies should have the consent of the site trustees and where a school is designated as having a religious character the trustees of the school, the diocese, relevant diocesan board or any other relevant faith body.** In the case of Church of England Church schools (as defined in the DBE Measure 2021) **the governing body must obtain the advice** of the relevant DBE before publishing prescribed alteration statutory proposals, as set out in the DBE Measure 2021. Where a Church of England school is on land in which a freehold or leasehold interest is held on trust for the purposes of a church school (as defined in the DBE Measure 2021), **the governing body must obtain the consent of the relevant DBE before entering into an agreement or arrangement (such as a building contract) in connection with making alterations to the premises of the school,** as set out in the DBE Measure 2021.

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Review

(1) Each diocesan synod must keep under review the exercise of functions by the DBE.

(2) The DBE for each diocese must, as soon as practicable after the end of each year—

(a) make a report to the diocesan synod on the exercise of its functions in that year, or

(b) in a case where there is a joint DBE, make a report to each of the diocesan synods concerned on the exercise of the DBE's functions in that year in that diocese.

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Composition

1(1)The DBE for a diocese consists of—

(a)the bishop of the diocese, and

(b)at least 10 other members.

(6)A person other than the bishop of the diocese may become a member of the DBE by being—

(a)appointed by the bishop,

(b)elected by the diocesan synod, or

(c)co-opted by the DBE.

2(1)The chair of the DBE for a diocese is, subject to sub-paragraph (2)—

(a)the bishop of the diocese, or

(b)another member of the DBE appointed by it after consultation with the bishop.

Curriculum Review RE

Building a world class curriculum for all was published on Wednesday 05 November
Curriculum and Assessment Review final report: [Building a world-class curriculum for all](#)

The main findings are:

1. Introduce an oracy framework.
2. Review and update all programmes of study.
3. Develop the national curriculum as a digital product.
4. Develop a programme of work to provide evidence-led guidance on curriculum and pedagogical adaptation (as well as exemplification) for children and young people with SEND
5. Involve teachers in the testing and design of programmes of study as part of the drafting process and ensure the national curriculum is ambitious but teachable within a typical timetable

Curriculum Review RE

In relation to RE there is a recommendation that there is a move to include it into the National Curriculum. This will involve a task and finish group with representatives from different faith groups, secular groups and the wider teaching and education sector led by an expert independent Chair – Dr Vanessa Ogden CBE. **They will co-create a draft RE curriculum with faith and non-faith schools, as well as RE organisations and faith communities.**

Alongside this to consider the legal implications for RE including the role of SACREs.

Removal of statutory RE for sixth forms.

Review the non statutory guidance for RE.

Nigel Genders (Chief Executive of the National Society for Education and the Church of England's Chief Education Officer) responded to the Curriculum Review:

“We welcome the decision to scrap the EBacc, an accountability measure which has always had a negative impact on RE and will now make it easier for pupils to study Religious Education at GCSE as part of a broad and balanced curriculum.

“At a time where the need for understanding and dialogue across different faith groups and worldviews is increasingly evident, the importance of children studying RE could not be clearer.

“The Church of England has already contributed to the curriculum and assessment review, including through the deep dive into RE.

“We also look forward to continuing to engage with proposals to develop RE in a way that ensures every young person has the opportunity to explore questions of meaning, purpose and belief, whilst enabling church schools to continue to provide RE in a way that is consistent with their designation as schools with a religious character.”

Use of AI in Schools

This is an area that is developing and so I have started looking at the guidance and advice from the Government.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/generative-artificial-intelligence-in-education/generative-artificial-intelligence-ai-in-education>

This takes you to a page that the Government has produced to start the exploration of AI use in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/using-ai-in-education-settings-support-materials>

This page takes you to modules that you can undertake to learn more.

Derbyshire LA also provide guidance around AI use in schools [HERE](#)

Creative For Climate Justice Christian Aid



Each year we invite your pupils to reflect on the issue of climate justice and to express their responses through art. These pieces of art can then be shared with members of your local community to highlight the views of children and young people and to provide opportunities for developing courageous advocacy.

This year our focus is on supporting and resourcing pupils to meaningfully share their learning, ideas and engage with the wider community.

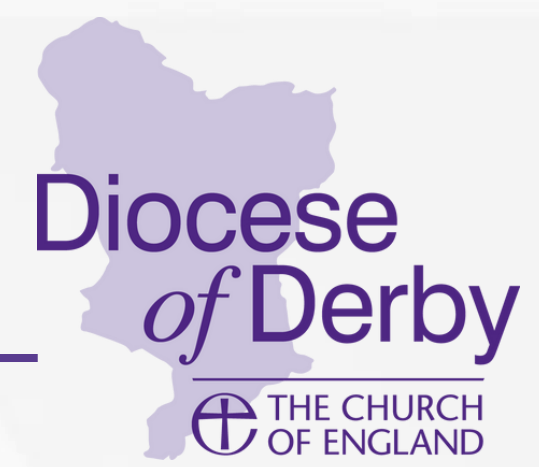
To find out more you can register for one of our overview webinars (even if you can't attend, register anyway and we will be in touch!).

Webinar 1 - Tuesday 2 December 16:00-17:00 Register [HERE](#)

Webinar 2 - Wednesday 3 December 16:00-17:00 Register [HERE](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to one of these sessions.

Peak Centre – Spirituality Retreats



For year 6 pupils at Derby Diocese Church of England Primary Schools

Our retreat days include activities, games, singing, prayer stations, worship, and exercise.

The events of the day will cover several PHSE curriculum topics, including knowing yourself, teambuilding, relaxation, prayer, and respecting others.

We can take one class of Year 6 pupils each day. Groups from small schools can be combined if needed to make up numbers & small schools occasionally send some Year 5 pupils (please ask us).

We have been running these days for a few years now and they always receive excellent evaluations from pupils and teachers. The material covered can be followed up and further developed at your school – we provide teachers with a sheet of ideas for this.

We aim to start at 0930 and finish at about 1415 – these timings can vary to suit your needs.

There is no charge for the day, but you need to provide transport to the centre. Children will need to bring a packed lunch. Staff will need to accompany the children and supervise at lunchtime. Otherwise, they will be able to observe the day.

Spirituality Retreat Days at the Peak Centre Edale.

For a class of Year 6 pupils

A day with activities of knowing yourself, team building, relaxation, prayer and respecting others.

Highly recommend

Free – schools need to cover transport and bring pack lunches. School staff to accompany and supervise lunch.

Usual timings are 09:30-14:15 so most suitable for schools with not a large distance to cover

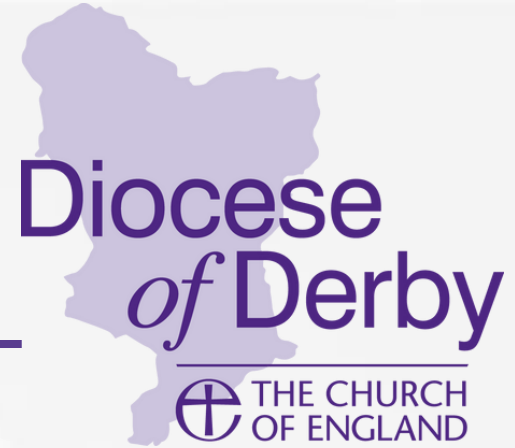
Follow up activities to do at school are also given



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ADVENT Calendar



Diocese of Guildford Online Advent Calendar is now live.

Find it [HERE](#) This is a brilliant resource with information about Advent and Christmas around the world.

They have Primary and Secondary Advent Calendars. Each day has a video and wondering questions.

CPD Programme 2025-26



Updated SIAMS Framework Training

This training is useful to any member of staff or governor in your school. It is a 2-hour session and explains the whole of the new framework and what to expect in terms of the practicalities of a SIAMS inspection. It will look at the SEF and monitoring and evaluation, as well as giving you an opportunity to think about what your action points may be for each of the inspection questions.

This training is useful for anyone who wants to be able to get to know the new framework better or for anyone who is new to the SIAMS process.

Please note that all the sessions below are the same, different times have been offered to make it as accessible to as many people as possible. This will be recorded on Wed 22 October.

Tuesday 24 February 2026, 13:00 - 15:00 Online

Wednesday 06 May 2026, 18:00 -20:00 Online

Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40

Booking form [HERE](#)

CPD Programme 2025-26



DBE Governor Two Part Training Programme

Sessions are held online 18:00 - 20:00

Part 1

Tuesday 14 April 2026

Part 2

Tuesday 13 January 2026 or Tuesday 16 June 2026 with Debbie Yeomans from RE Today

This programme is essential for any new governors and for those who have not accessed DBE training for a while and would benefit from refreshing their knowledge of what it means to be a governor of a church school. This course will give you the firm foundations you need to carry out your role effectively as well as networking and discussion time with other governors in the diocese.

This is for ANY governor of a church school not just foundation governors.

These sessions will be led by Liz Seymour, the Deputy Director for Education and Debbie Yeomans from RE Today

Through the programme you will explore:

What a church school is (and is not)

The importance of ethos and vision

RE in a church school

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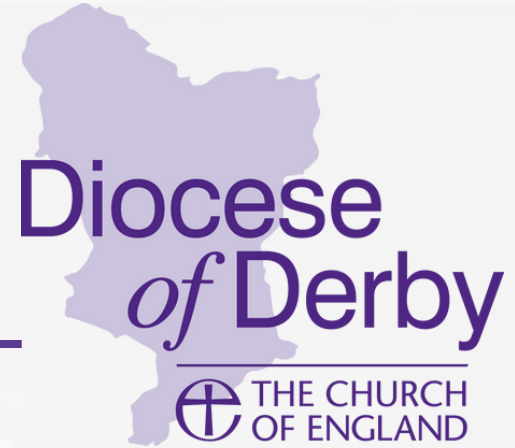
Collective Worship

Fee for both sessions: PA £125 / Non PA £250 (per school)

PA £25 / Non PA £40 (individual governor)

Booking Form [HERE](#)

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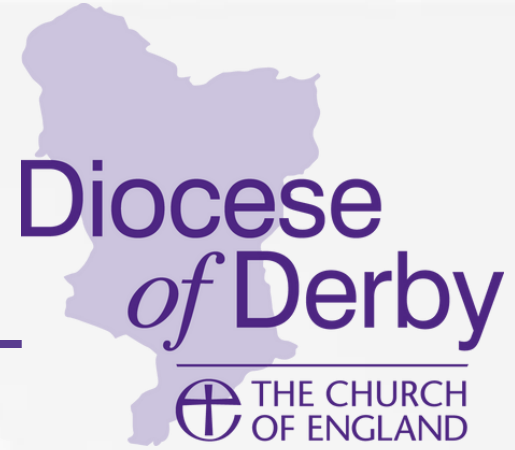
Monitoring and Evaluating life as a Church School

You will explore diverse ways to monitor and evaluate and the roles of school leaders, pupils and governors. Both webinars will run from 18:00 - 20:00. This will be recorded.

The session is offered on 2 dates.
Monday 18 May 2026

Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40
Booking form [HERE](#)

SIAMS List 2025-26



Bakewell CE Infant School
Bradley CE Primary School
Bradwell CE Primary School
Derby Cathedral School
Edale CE Primary School
Great Hucklow CE Primary School

Pilsley CE Primary School
St George's CE Primary School (Church
Greasley)
St Giles CE Primary School (Matlock)
Walton On Trent CE Primary and Nursery
School
William Gilbert Endowed CE Primary School

SIAMS Inspected in 2019 & 2020



2019

St Oswald's CE PS (19)
Barlow CE PS
Sale & Davys CE PS
Baslow St Anne's CE PS
Belper St John's CE PS
Castleton CE PS
Cromford CE PS
Derby St Chad's CE PS
Eyam CE PS
Fairfield CE PS
Fritchley CE PS
Kirk Langley CE PS
Netherseal St Peter's CE PS
Rosliston CE PS
St Weburgh's CE PS
Stoney Middleton CE PS
Taddington&Priestcliffe
Bishop's Pursglove CE PS Tideswell
Winster CE PS

2020

Brailsford CE PS
Church Broughton CE PS
Crich CE Infs
Darley Churchtown CE PS
Dinting CE PS
Killamarsh St Giles CE PS

SIAMS inspected in 2019 & 2020

- Put your SEF together with a focus on impact
- Audit the school curriculum in light of the existing vision
- Explore spirituality with the staff – is there a shared understanding
- Explore justice and responsibility understanding with pupils
- Ensure all relevant staff and governors are attending DBE training associated with SIAMs.
- Ensure all staff and governors are familiar with current SIAMS framework
- Communicate with DBE regularly and share what you are doing
- Check the Statement of Entitlement for RE is being met and local and national RE developments are taken into consideration

SIAMS PREP

- Please do contact me if you would like a visit.
- I am happy to review SEFs, websites etc
- During visits I am happy to speak with pupils or staff.
- liz.Seymour@derby.anglican.org

SIAMS NETWORK TRAINING



SIAMS Networking Training

This networking allows staff to dive into aspects of the SIAMS Framework. There will be presentations from senior leaders, RE advisers and SIAMS inspectors, as well as the use of breakout rooms to enable you to network with other schools about how best to move forward in a particular area and discuss what it means to be a church school. These will be recorded.

Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40 per session

BUNDLE FEE (all networking sessions): PA £100 / £200 Booking form [HERE](#)

Inspection question 1 networking –

Theologically rooted Christian Vision

Monday 12 January 2026, 16:00-17:30, online

Inspection question 2 networking –

How is the curriculum a reflection of the Christian Vision?

Thursday 12 February 2026, 16:00 -17:30, online

Inspection question 3 networking –

Collective Worship and Spirituality

Tuesday 03 March 2026, 16:00 – 17:30, online

Inspection question 4 networking –

Theologically rooted Christian vision and treating people well.

Wednesday 05 November 2025, 13.00-14:30, online

Tuesday 24 March 2026, 16:00-17:30, online

Inspection question 5 networking –

Justice and responsibility

Wednesday 19 November 2025, 13:00-14:30, online

Thursday 30 April 2026, 16:00 – 17:30 online

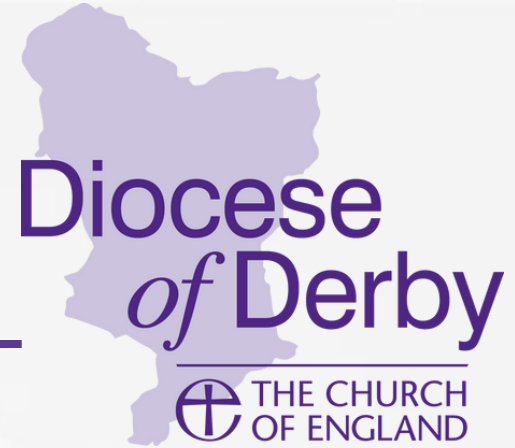
Inspection question 6/7 networking –

Religious Education with Debbie Yeomans from RE Today

Monday 24 November 2025, 16:00-17:30, online

Thursday 07 May 2026, 16:00-17:30, online

Eco Schools – Count your carbon



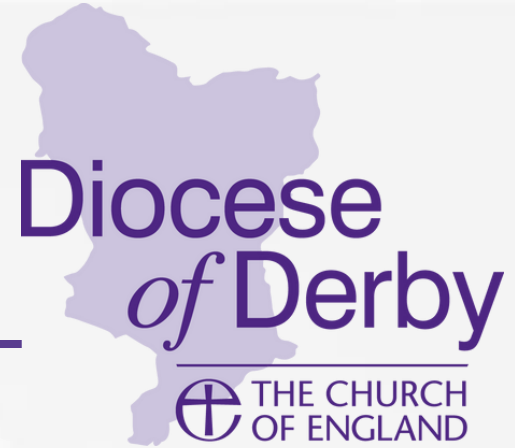
Count Your Carbon from Eco Schools

Every year in England, schools emit more than 10 million tonnes of carbon. What if we could do something to change that?

Link to information [HERE](#)

Updated for 2025-26 [HERE](#)

Eco Schools – Let's Go Zero



Let's Go Zero have experts who offer free advice [HERE](#)

Free Online training [HERE](#)

Some example online workshops coming up are

Healthier school dinners to please planet and pupils? - Not just pie in the sky!

Tuesday 2 December

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Energy - buildings & retrofit

Tuesday 20 January 2026

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

More information coming soon

Future-proof your pupils!

Wednesday 4 February 2026

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

FSM Comparative Data

Interesting website that looks at FSM data by constituency

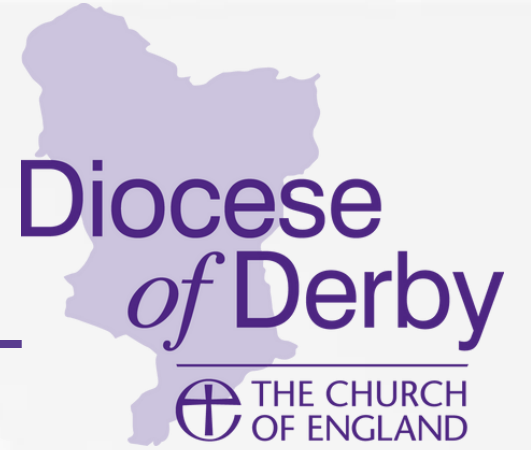
https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/constituency-data-free-school-meals/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

- Website page with all the information about governance [HERE](#)
- This is for LA Maintained schools. Academies have a different process with their MAT.

Nominations for terms of office ending	Closing date for receipt of paperwork	Papers published to the Board for approval	DBE Meeting date
Up to the end of Feb 2026	04 Nov 2025	18 Nov 2025	25 Nov 2025
Up to the end of June 2026	04 March 2026	18 March 2026	25 March 2026
Up to the end of October 2026	16 June 2026	30 June 2026	07 July 2026

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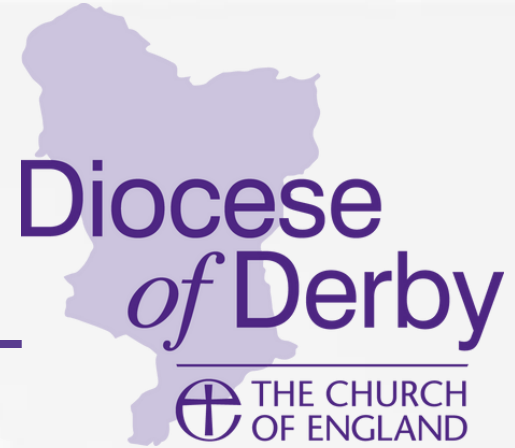


Link to their News update page and sign up for emails [HERE](#)

FUTURE BRIEFING DATES

- **Headteacher Briefings**
- Thursday 15 January 2026, 13:30 - 14:30
- Thursday 12 February 2026, 10:00 -11:00
- Monday 16 March 2026, 10:00 -11:00
- Tuesday 19 May 2026, 10:00 -11:00
- Tuesday 16 June 2026, 13:30 - 14:30
- Tuesday 21 July 2025, 13:30 -14:30

FUTURE BRIEFING DATES



- **Collective Worship Briefings 16:00-17:00**
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- Tuesday 13 January 2026 – Music and Singing in CW
- Tuesday 10 February 2026 – Justice and Responsibility and CW
- Tuesday 17 March 2026 – Spirituality and CW
- Monday 18 May 2026 – CW and SEND
- Tuesday 16 June 2025 – Creation tide and Harvest

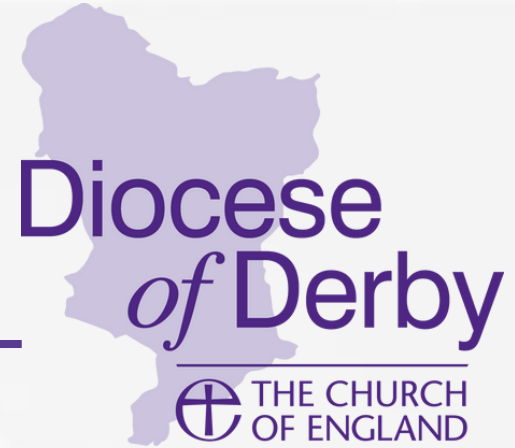
FUTURE BRIEFING DATES - GOV

These are from 19:00-20:00. I will be recording these as I deliver them.

2025-26 – The dates have been updated.

- Thursday 15 January 2026
- Thursday 12 February 2026
- Monday 16 March 2026
- Tuesday 19 May 2026
- Monday 22 June 2026
- Tuesday 21 July 2026

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Diocesan Prayer



Vision Prayer

Gracious God,

in your mercy and for your glory,
renew us, reshape us, revive us –

with generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love –
that, in transformed lives through growing church and building
community,

we may see your Kingdom come and be good news for all.

Amen.



Transformed Lives | Growing Church | Building Community
THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

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