

An introduction to Thinking Theologically

In these virtually delivered, interactive series of three workshops, delegates will be supported in developing their own theological thinking by:

- Locating your role and practice as an expression of the Church of England's Vision for Education and also as an expression of God's work
- Applying principles and tools for theological reflection
- Understanding models and ideas about a theology of education
- Reflecting on how a rule of life can help establish a rhythm for deeper reflection

These workshops are designed to support newcomers to theological thinking develop confidence in exploring and articulating a theology of education together.



The module consists of 3 workshops;

- 1. 9th November 09:00 10:00
- 2. 23rd November 14:30-16:00
- 3. 7th December 09:00-10:30

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The programme costs £90+ VAT and includes attendance of all three webinars visit www.cefel.org.uk/diocesanleadershipprogramme/

The series of 3 workshops will be led by

Ed Gregory

Since 2019 I have been privileged to hold the post of Director of Education for the Diocese of Bath and Wells, where our department serves 183 church schools and works constructively with a broad range of key strategic partners. Prior to this role I thoroughly enjoyed working in education for 30 years, including 19 as Headteacher in community, VC and VA primary schools, rural and urban, ranging in size from 60 to 420.

I am experienced in coaching and facilitation having worked with Somerset Local Authority as an LLE for school improvement and also with the University of Worcester as strategic lead for a significant and successful school improvement initiative over a period of 3 years. My current role is all about system leadership and building effective collaborations that enable schools, staff teams, leaders at all levels and most importantly children and young people to flourish. Underpinning all of this is a personal journey of growing faith and establishing a rule of life that enables me to flourish in this role.



Helena Arnold

I formerly worked for seven years as Director of Education for the Diocese of Gloucester and CEO of the Diocesan Multi Academy Trust. Having relocated to Cornwall, I continue to work, part time, for the national church through the Church of England's Foundation for Educational Leadership (CEFEL) and with individual Dioceses undertaking Board of Education reviews. In particular, during the last five years I have been the programme lead for CEFEL for the development and delivery of the Diocesan Education Leaders' Programme.

I have previously served as Chair of the Anglican Association of Directors of Education and worked closely with the National Society in shaping the national church's response to education policy. Prior to my appointment as Director of Education for Gloucester, I worked for fifteen years in secondary schools, including nine years in senior leadership roles.

Howard Worsley

Currently I am vice principal at Trinity College Bristol where I teach missiology (which is the study of how God reaches out in mission) and I particularly focus on schools and education as a means whereby the Church can join in with what God is doing. My PhD is in Theology and Education. When I have the time, I research and publish in the arena of children's spirituality, church school pedagogy and education.

Previously, I have worked as a secondary school teacher, a Scripture Union worker, an Anglican vicar, a university teacher of Theology, and as Director of Education (in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and then in the Diocese of London). I have also worked as a Senior Lecturer in Christian Education at Canterbury Christchurch University and a chaplain in both the HE and FE sectors. I have been involved with the Diocesan Education Leadership Programme for the last three years during which we have worked with colleagues from across the country.



Andrew Teale

I am Director of Education in Hereford Diocese and CEO of Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust. I have worked in education for 25 years, teaching in inner-city and rural contexts. I have been Headteacher and Executive Headteacher of both a small rural and large urban school. In 2014, St Paul's Church of England Primary School, where I was Headteacher, achieved an outstanding inspection from Ofsted and became a National Support School; I then became a National Leader of Education.

I have served as a governor of a federation of a secondary and two primaries and an all through independent school in Hereford. I am also a former SIAMs inspector and have conducted church school inspections in the Hereford and Worcester Dioceses.

In May 2018, I was installed as a Lay Canon at Hereford Cathedral in recognition of my service to education and, in the same year, became Director of Education for the Diocese, whilst remaining as Executive Headteacher at St Paul's until Easter 2019. I now also serve as Chief Executive Officer for the Diocesan Trust, overseeing a transformation to its new identity, culture and ethos, as the Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust.

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