

Church School Leaders' Conference

Thursday 13 November 2025

Ip-City Centre, 1 Bath Street, Ipswich IP2 8SD

"Leading a church school with joy and hope"

Programme

9.15am	Coffee and registration
9.30am	Welcome and introduction Jane Sheat, Diocesan Director of Education
9.40am	Archdeacon Rich Henderson, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education
10.00am	Metacognition- how pupils learn Clare Lamb, Headteacher, All Saints' CEVCP, Lawshall
11.00am	Coffee
11.15am	Inspiring pupils through the joy of dance Eliza Reger, Company Manager, Springs Dance Company
11.55am	Governing well Table discussions
12.10pm	Lunch
12.55pm	Inspiring our school communities through music and worship Miz Porter, Director, iSingPOP
1.30pm	Supporting parents Dr Adrian Youings, Head of Engagement and Pete Brayshaw, Community Training Manager, Care for the Family
2.25pm	Tea
2.40pm	Sport- Hope for the future and joy in the present Joe Lowther, CEO, Kick
3.20pm	Governing well- with joy and hope Table discussions on good practice
3.45pm	Closing reflections Jane Sheat, Diocesan Director of Education
3.55pm	Blessing Archdeacon Rich Henderson, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education
4.00pm	Close

About our conference speakers

Archdeacon Rich



Archdeacon Rich has been Archdeacon of Suffolk (which covers east Suffolk) since May 2023. He has served in the diocese since 2006.

Prior to ordination Rich worked in the retail petrol industry for 14 years including a time as national operations manager for a motorway services company.

Rich spent three years as a lay minister serving two churches on urban estates in Nottingham as youth and families pastor. He completed his theological training at St John's College, Nottingham and then came to Suffolk for his curacy.

Rich is interested in practical mission, community engagement and partnership, vocations and the development of ministry and collaborative teams.

Rich also has particular responsibility for chaplains in various sectors and the wellbeing of clergy and lay ministers. He is Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, a member of All Saints Schools Trust and a foundation governor. Rich is passionate about the partnership between our churches and schools.

Clare Lamb

Clare has been Headteacher at All Saints' CEVCP, Lawshall for 20 years. She is an Evidence Leader of Education, working with the Education Endowment Foundation, and a School Improvement Partner. All Saints' is an accredited National Support School and was judged Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted in January 2024.



Springs Dance

<https://www.springsdancecompany.org.uk/join-in/schools-workshops/>

Springs Dance Company is a professional dance company, producing vibrant, life-enhancing dance for more than 45 years. Their mission is to improve lives and bring joy through dance. They run a highly regarded education programme and are the UK's leading specialist in cross-curricular Dance and R.E. (Christianity).

Eliza Reger is the Company and Education Manager at Springs Dance Company, where she has overseen the Education programme and taught in schools across the country for the past ten years. Originally trained as a professional dancer, Eliza is passionate about using dance to inspire children and bring stories from the Christian faith alive in a new way.

iSingPOP

<https://www.isingpop.org/>

iSingPOP is a Christian organisation that provides a hub of resources and events and equips schools with SIAMS-friendly tools to create inspirational collective worship experiences.

Miz Porter is the Director of iSingPOP.

Care for the Family

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/support-for-you/family-life/parent-support/>

Care for the Family is a UK-based national charity, founded in 1988 by Rob Parsons, that aims to strengthen family life by providing resources, support, and training in three key areas: marriage, parenting, and bereavement.

Adrian Youings joined Care for the Family as Head of Engagement in summer 2024, after 21 years in parish ministry and 7 years as Archdeacon of Bath.

Pete Brayshaw is the Community training manager at Care for the Family and trains people to run the Time Out for Parents courses. He has recently been ordained as a self-supporting minister.

Kick

<https://kick.org.uk/>

KICK are a not-for-profit provider with a strong ethos. They deliver Physical Education to the National Curriculum, Transformational Street Dance, Solutions-Focused Mentoring and Schools-based Chaplaincy in a range of school settings. All the sessions they provide include a Christian value application, and they therefore meet a number of SMSC and SIAMS criteria that can be helpful to Church Schools. KICK are an established organisation and have expanded recently to work with over 30,000 kids a week in over 100 Schools across the country.

Joe Lowther, was previously a Principal of an outstanding School and is now CEO of KICK. Joe has completed an MSc in Change Management for Charities. He has recently published his first book, KICK's Story, showcasing the journey that KICK has been on in growing from 7 staff to 97 in the last 8 years. Joe is proudly married to Laura and loves being a dad to 3 sons Theo, Seth and Josh.