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Updated link

The link to official schools advice, as used on our main coronavirus page, has changed to <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>. Please keep checking for updates.

Getting creative with Collective Worship and building #FaithatHome

Whilst there have been physical challenges for both school and parish leaders of worship in recent weeks, there have also been many creative responses to engaging in prayer and worship together while apart.

Teachers, headteachers, clergy and lay colleagues have been embracing this time to explore and re-new the way that worship reaches children, young people and their families beyond school or church buildings.

Working together, Lizzie Whitbread and Steve Inglis have produced guidance to support schools and parishes in this work and a dedicated webpage has been made [here](#).

Their most recent guidance mailing can be read [here](#).

The DBE commends this page and invites you to send examples of your own explorations and creative approaches to worship so that this work lasts beyond this time, just as it reaches out beyond our traditional 'spaces'.

#FaithatHome is a national Church of England campaign to support the faith development and pastoral care of children and young people by bringing together Parish, School and Households.

Great quality resources and weekly worships streamed online form the heart of the materials. There are Primary and Secondary aged worships, each centred around Christian values such as Humility, Love and Courage.

You can read more about the work going on within our diocese and link to the national materials from [this webpage](#), or go to the national site to see resources for church and school leaders [here](#), plus an increasing list of resources [here](#), linked to the weekly worships.

In addition, new material focused on Grief, Bereavement and Loss, called 'Never the Same' is [here](#) (for church leaders) and [here](#) (for parents and families). They link to the suite of resources to support school leaders [here](#).

Finally, if you haven't seen it yet, we recommend you watch the 'Thank you church leaders' video [here](#), as it says so much about how your work is valued.

Thank you, everyone, for all you are doing to make links between church, school and home. We are keen to hear about your ideas too, so please [send your stories in!](#)