

# Notice of Meeting

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## Schools Forum

**Monday 4th December, 2023 at 5.00pm**  
Via Zoom

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Tuesday, 28 November 2023

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## Agenda - Schools Forum to be held on Monday, 4 December 2023 (continued)

**Forum Members:** Reverend Mark Bennet, Melissa Cliffe, Heather Codling, Iain Cottingham, Paul Davey, Jacque Davies, Gemma Duff, Richard Hand, Michelle Harrison, Keith Harvey (Vice-Chair), Richard Hawthorne, Jon Hewitt, Trevor Keable, Jo Lagares, Maria Morgan, Gemma Piper, Chris Prosser, David Ramsden, Lesley Roberts, Ant Sizer, Campbell Smith, Graham Spellman (Chair), Phil Spray, Charlotte Wilson and Lindsay Wood

# Agenda

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