

## **Jane Gascoigne**

I am head teacher of Church Valley Schools Federation which comprises three rural primary schools, one of which includes nursery provision. St Julian's' Church School (VC) has 95 pupils aged 4-11 years on roll and is situated in the village of Wellow. Camerton Church School (VC) has 37 children on roll aged 2-11 and is situated in the village of Camerton on the outskirts of Radstock. Shoscombe Church School (VA) has 92 pupils aged 4-11 and is situated in the village of Shoscombe. The school hall includes the chancel of the church which is used regularly by parishioners during the winter months.

Following training in St John's College, York for B.Ed. Primary with Science, I have been teaching for over 25 years, beginning in Cheshire Authority where I taught in a combination of large and smaller schools, both Church and Community, several of which were in disadvantaged areas. I have been SENCo and led a variety of curriculum areas including maths. Ten years ago I moved to Bath with my family when I took on a deputy head ship at a large Church primary school in Bath. Subsequently I was seconded to St Julian's for one year as interim head, prior to being appointed permanently. Two years later St Julian's was approached by Camerton governing body and a collaboration was developed, both schools retaining their own governing bodies. However in 2012 Shoscombe Church School joined the cluster and a formal federation was developed with one governing body.

During the last two years I have worked with governors to secure diocesan funding to support the building of a new classroom and a reorganisation/refurbishment of the internal structure of a Victorian building to increase security and access.

I have experience of setting up and leading a federation, developing a nursery, leading change including working with parents, governors and staff, Church School leadership, and assessment with analysis across all key stages.

I am passionate about working with others and a good listener as I try to be sympathetic to peoples' situations. I believe collaborative working is hugely beneficial to all involved. Through the federation experience, I have seen staff develop their skills and expertise, step outside their comfort zone and extend their own learning. I work closely with colleagues in our local cluster so as to continually develop my own practice.