



Transforming Christian work through creativity and fun

Not Ashamed works with churches and schools in areas of:

Discipleship - Evangelism - Religious Education - Collective worship - & more

Not Ashamed is a continually evolving organisation run by Rev Simo, an ordained Anglican minister. Before ordination Rev Simo spent many years in Church based youth and children's work.

Along with his specific work experience he has developed an interest in story telling, circus and illusion, along with other areas of creative arts. These all play a key part in the ministry of Not Ashamed.



We work with churches in several different ways.

As an ordained minister with PTO in the Oxford Diocese, Rev Simo provides cover and support to local churches on Sundays and occasional offices. He also helps out on a contract basis with parishes/benefices/teams for particular projects or support.

As Not Ashamed we offer **Creative Discipleship Workshops** to churches, teams and wider groups ie dioceses.

We can also provide story-based **outreach** events suitable for all ages and finishing with a gospel message.

Planning a **weekend away** and looking for a speaker who can bring something a bit different for the adults, kids or everybody? Get in touch to discuss possibilities based on your theme or ideas.

Ideas and resources are constantly developing so check out the website to find out more.



Again we offer a number of resources for schools.

'**RE Adventure days**' are aimed at KS1 & 2 and give

an opportunity to explore aspects of the Christian faith through fun activities, looking at areas that are fundamental parts of Christianity and form part of the national curriculum. A session lasts an hour and so we can work with 4 groups/classes in a day and we can also provide a collective worship on the same theme as part of that day.

Training for staff as part of inset days or a couple of hours after school. We can help with areas like: **Enter the Story** is an approach to help in the preparation of RE lessons and works as a tool for children to explore Bible stories.

Leading collective/class worship.

School/class reflection areas.

Being a learner is a fun session that helps teachers remember what it is like to be a learner/pupil.

We also offer **support/consultancy** to Church Schools around Vision and Values and in the writing or development of statements and policies around being a Church School.



Other areas of Ministry...



Store

Selling clothing and accessories as well as resources in great designs that proclaim the Christian faith.



A website for **unsigned**

Christian musicians giving an opportunity to reach a larger audience by coming together in one place.

Dyslexic Disciple

Raising the profile of dyslexia, sharing stories and helpful resources. We believe that dyslexia (and all neurodiversity) is a gift from God and is vital for the future of the Church and the world. We aim to provide advice, support and talks to parishes, dioceses, colleges, schools and anyone else who will listen!

This also includes a Facebook group called 'Dyslexic in the Pulpit' specifically for people involved in ministry who are dyslexic.



Find out more...

Visit our website at www.notashamed.co.uk.

You can also find and follow us on social networks (links on the main website) and join to our mailing list.

Looking for something else?

Why not get in touch and discuss your ideas or requirements? We may be able to help or point you in the right direction.

Contact us

You can contact us through the website or by phone on: 0333 339 8565.

What people say...

Schools

"Rev Simo supports planning for worship, reviewing reflection areas, imaginative staff training and teaching in RE. Collective worship was engaging for all pupils and adults. Children love learning and singing Rev Simo's worship songs and this supports their understanding of the Trinitarian nature of Christianity. This was invitational, inclusive and inspires the school community to explore and learn more about Christian teaching."

SIAMS Inspector/Schools Advisor

Church Leaders - comments after discipleship workshop 'Enter the Story'

"Great themes coming out that would not have come so easy with a straight reading"

"Really helpful framework to approach a text

"Easy to remember and inspiring results"

"Would be good to have this session on a preaching course."

Audience after outreach event

Rev simo is... "Uniquely strange"

"I thought it was great... You got the audience participating."

"A great show – a really exciting and effective method of teaching Bible stories. Goliath had our entire congregation spellbound!"

The name Not Ashamed?

When the Apostle Paul writes to the church in Rome he says in 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the Gospel..." . The Romans thought that Christianity was something to be ashamed of, Paul writes as a Roman citizen and wants to challenge that belief.

For us, we want all we do to proclaim Jesus, unashamedly sharing the good news of who he is and what he has done!