

## RE Newsletter November 2016



Here is the latest RE newsletter, giving up-to-date information on RE-related matters including a list of courses available this year. Please let me know if you would like information about faith and belief visits and visitors. Ed Pawson:

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### Understanding Christianity

**Understanding Christianity** is an exciting and powerful new RE resource for EYFS, KS1, 2 and 3. It has been developed by the Church of England and RE Today, with the aim of helping pupils to become knowledgeable about the Bible, Christian belief and practice. It works through well-planned, distinct steps, encouraging pupils to 'make connections' whilst 'making sense of the text'. Future SIAMS inspections are expected to demand a greater level of theological literacy and this is an excellent way for schools to meet this need.



Schools can only receive a copy of the pack if a member of staff attends 12-15 hours CPD in order to fully grasp its potential, so we are offering a 2 day training package for £250 (this price includes the extensive teachers' resource pack).

### RE Quality Mark

**The RE Quality Mark** has been developed to celebrate high quality religious education. It provides all types of schools and academies with a framework to capture good practice and it encourages the development and celebration of school wide commitment to excellent teaching and learning in religious education. An REQM assessment of a school looks at five strands: Learners and Learning, Teachers and Teaching, Curriculum, Subject Leadership and CPD, awarding at three levels: bronze, silver and gold. Schools applying for the REQM highlight where they think they meet the criteria.



### Interfaith Week 2016

Interfaith Week runs from 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Why not consider running an Interfaith Week event at your school?

You can download the Interfaith Week toolkit [here](#).

The Three aims of Interfaith Week are:

- Strengthening good inter faith relations at all levels
- Increasing awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular

Inter Faith  
Week



celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society

- Increasing understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs

## Funding for use of outdoor spaces



The Groundwork Trust is keen for schools to hear about how to apply for a grant from Tesco's 'Bags of help' fund. Grants of up to £5000 are available for schemes that promote community participation in the development and use of outdoor spaces. Schools could consider applying if they are planning to develop a spiritual garden or nature trail, or if they are thinking about setting up forest school

sessions. Funds are administered by the [Groundwork Trust](#). Contact [Ed Pawson](#) for more details about local schemes.

## The World's Largest Lesson: end poverty, create equality, sort climate change!

In September 2015 World Leaders committed to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. 17 goals to achieve 3 extraordinary things in the next 15 years: end extreme poverty; fight inequality and injustice; fix climate change. To realise these Goals everyone, however young they are, needs to get involved. Here is an opportunity to take part in the [World's Largest Lesson](#), teaching young people about the Goals and encouraging them to become the generation that changed the world.



## Christingle pack

The Children's Society is offering free resources to help plan and host a Christingle celebration. The [Christingle Organiser's Pack](#) contains everything needed to plan an enjoyable and successful Christingle event. The pack includes a copy of a Guide to hosting a Christingle, a Christingle Organiser's Checklist, an A4 Invitation and Thank You Poster, and a Donation Form.



## Someone is coming



'Someone is coming' is an exciting new short film, bringing the Christmas message. The story starts long before the time of Mary and Joseph. It takes the viewer right back to Adam and Eve and the Fall, following on through to show how God chose a particular time and place for the Saviour Jesus to be born.

<https://plungepool.uk/someoneiscoming/>

## Learn, Teach, Lead RE

Are you accessing support and training through **Learn, Teach, Lead RE** (LTLRE)? This project aims to build RE communities across Devon and Cornwall, with the aim of improving the quality of Religious Education in all schools. For information on your nearest local group, go to <http://ltlre.org/>. If you want to know more about local RE hubs, please contact [Ed Pawson](#).



## RE subject knowledge: RE-online



**RE:ONLINE**  
THE PLACE FOR EXCELLENCE

The [Re-online website](#) provides a subject knowledge resource covering core areas relating to the ten belief traditions listed in the non-statutory National Framework for RE as well as Post 16 ethics, philosophy and religion. The belief traditions have been sorted by the Six strands for RE, with all sections being written by experts in each area.

## Understanding Humanism



UNDERSTANDING HUMANISM  
Resources for Education

[Understanding Humanism](#) is a new web-based resource for teachers. On this site you can find materials arranged into a variety of themes, including Celebrations and Ceremonies, Ethics, Knowledge and Belief, Life and Death, Meaning and Happiness. Each theme contains lesson plans, classroom activities, humanist perspectives, films and presentations.

## Send a Cow to a family in Africa

Celebrate God's faithfulness with [Send a Cow's](#) exciting new Harvest resources and give families in Africa the tools and training they need to grow a **Harvest for Life**. Every family each school supports with our **Gifts that Grow** will pass on the seeds, knowledge and training to at least another five families! Students can learn about how their fundraising will provide families in rural Africa with Gifts that Grow- the basic essentials that families need to manage their land, market their produce, share their knowledge with neighbours and start educating their children.



## How Can Life Go On? (HMD2017)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) is seeking 12 groups (one per region or nation of the UK) to [create a permanent artwork](#) in their local community which commemorates Holocaust Memorial Day. In keeping with this year's theme, **How can life go on?**, the artworks created will explore the themes identified for this year's HMD Arts Programme - motifs of absence and the roots needed for life to regrow after a genocide. The permanent artworks could include sculpture, murals, mosaics, gardens, pathways or structures - there are many possibilities, and we would love a broad range of ideas! This opportunity is open to all.



## Teach:RE course



**TEACH:RE**  
TO ENTHUSE. TO EDUCATE. TO INSPIRE.

The Culham St Gabriel's Teach RE course is a distance learning course designed to support teachers' subject knowledge. The course is appropriate for all teachers of RE or those planning to teach the subject. We currently

have teachers from primary, special and secondary schools taking the course as well as those who are entering Initial Teacher Training. The course costs £150. Every trainee has a tutor allocated to them, so 1:1 support is provided throughout the course. More information from [kathryn@cstg.org.uk](mailto:kathryn@cstg.org.uk) or [www.teachre.co.uk](http://www.teachre.co.uk)

## Up-coming RE courses

Understanding Christianity courses

Understanding Christianity Day one (cohort D)	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017	The Old Deanery	09.30-15.30	£250 (cost includes both days + £50 resource pack)
Understanding Christianity Day two	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	The Old	09.30-	

(cohort D)	June 2017	Deanery	15.30	
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Other Diocese courses

<b>Course</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost (no SLA/ SLA)</b>
Teaching Hinduism and Buddhism in the primary school	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	The Old Deanery	09.30-15.30	£150/75
New to Church of England schools	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	The Old Deanery	09.30-15.30	£150/75
Fundamental British Values: what do schools need to know?	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2017	The Old Deanery	09.30-13.30	£80/40
Teaching Judaism and Islam in the primary school	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017	The Old Deanery	09.30-15.30	£150/75
Preparation for RE Quality Mark	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2017	The Old Deanery	09.30-13.30	£80/40
Philosophy for Children (P4C)	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2017	The Old Deanery	09.30-15.30	£150/75

To get more information about these courses or to make a booking, please contact Fran Bradley at [educationevents@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:educationevents@exeter.anglican.org)