

RE newsletter for schools in Devon and Torbay and Exeter Diocese



November 2017

Welcome to the November RE newsletter, offering advice and information on Religious Education to all schools in Devon and Torbay, and across the Diocese of Exeter.

Why RE matters:

The ability to understand the faith or belief of individuals and communities, and how these may shape their culture and behaviour, is an invaluable asset for children in modern day Britain. Explaining religious and non-religious worldviews in an academic way allows young people to engage with the complexities of belief, avoid stereotyping and contribute to an informed debate.

Commission on RE



In September we saw the publication of an interim report from the Commission on RE on the future of Religious Education. Do check this out and make your views known by [contributing your responses](#).

Assessment in RE



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New guidance on assessment in RE for all schools in the Diocese of Exeter and Devon, Torbay and Plymouth schools has now been published. This can be found on the [Exeter Diocese](#) website and also on the [RE pages](#) of the Babcock/LDP website. There is a planning document which explains the 'how and why' of assessment. This is accompanied by a set of templates for summative assessment in RE. These templates can be downloaded and customised for use in schools, to be adapted to your own planning and teaching patterns.

Faith and Belief School Visitors directory



A new directory is now available to contact [faith and belief visitors](#) who can come to your school to talk about their beliefs and commitments. The list of visitors can be accessed through the resources page on [the Learn, Teach, Lead RE](#) (LTLRE) website.

For RE support, please contact Ed Pawson at efpawson@gmail.com or ed.pawson@exeter.anglican.org
Church school contact: Tatiana Wilson at tatiana.wilson@exeter.anglican.org



Courses and CPD opportunities

Learn Teach Lead RE <http://ltlre.org/events>

East Devon hub, Exmouth Community College

4.15-5.30pm 29th Nov

4.15-5.30pm 1st Feb

Exeter hub, St Peter's High School

North Devon hub, Boston Tea Party, Barnstaple

Plymouth hub

4.15-5.30pm Wed 22nd Nov

4.15-5.30pm Thurs 18th Jan

South Devon hub, Wolborough Primary School, Newton Abbot

4.15-5.30pm Thurs 30th Nov

Torbay hub

4.15-5.30pm Thurs 30th Nov (Joint hub with S Devon at Wolborough)

Exeter Diocese courses

SIAMS update course (new framework), 1st Dec 2017, 27th Feb 2018, 20th Mar

Fundamental British Values, 9th Jan 2018

RE Subject Leaders Annual Conference, 16th Jan 2018

Teaching Judaism & Islam (KS1/2), 26th Feb (Synagogue and Mosque, Exeter)

Understanding Christianity, 21st May 2018 (one day course plus twilight)

(all courses at the Old Deanery, Exeter EX1 1HS)

For further details contact:

<http://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/>

Booking: educationevents@exeter.anglican.org

See more courses on P4

Babcock/LDP courses

Introduction to Islam (KS2/3), 22nd Nov, Exeter Islamic Centre, York Road, Exeter

Mahayana Buddhism (A Level), 6th Dec, Hartridge Buddhist Monastery, nr Honiton

Islam and Ethics (GCSE), 7th Dec, Exeter Islamic Centre

Leading RE in the Primary School, 1st Mar 2018, Tiverton Hotel, Tiverton

Booking: [http://www.babcock-](http://www.babcock-education.co.uk/ldp/courses/bookings/default.asp)

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For further details, contact [Ed Pawson](#)

Email your pupils' RE questions to a believer



RE online offers a great facility to get direct access to a religious believer. You can [email your questions](#) to any or all of our team and ask them about their beliefs and how these affect the way they live. Simply click on the email address of the person you'd like to contact, **introduce yourself with a few words about who you are and why you are writing, ask your question**, and they'll get back to you as soon as they can.

Holocaust Survivor Event: Inherit the Truth



FREE PLACES to SCHOOLS! **Inherit the Truth** is a unique cultural event to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, taking place at Exeter Cathedral on 1st Feb 2018. Anita Lasker-Wallfisch (now 93) will be speaking about how she survived Auschwitz and Belsen concentration camps. The world-renowned cellist, Raphael Wallfisch will be performing alongside his her. To book places (up to 4 students per school, plus one teacher) go to <http://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/event/all-events/inherit-the-truth.ashx>

Strictly RE: NATRE annual conference



This [national conference for primary and secondary teachers](#) of RE will provide inspirational, classroom focused CPD. Sat 27 Jan 2018, London, £175 (discounts for NATRE members, plus early bird discounts)

Religions of the world



Animated [film clips](#) of stories from different religions for 3-7 year olds.

Education Sunday



Education Sunday this year will be celebrated in the Diocese of Exeter on Sunday 4th Feb 2018, at the end of 'Love Your School Week' (wk beg 29th Jan). Useful resources called 'Gathered in my name' are available on the [Churches Together in England Website](#).

Holocaust Memorial Day 2018:



The theme of HMD 2018 is the power of words.

Exeter Events

Sat 27th January

6-8pm: Brent singers and Cullompton CC choir, at the Mint Church

Mon 29th January

10am-4pm: Civic Opening Ceremony, Exhibition, Presentations, Films, Talks, Reflective Walk, Closing Ceremony, Exeter

Thurs 1st February

7-9pm: Inherit the Truth, Raphael Wallfisch and Anita Lasker-Wallfisch at Exeter Cathedral

For more information about schools' events, contact [Ed Pawson](#) or look on the [HMD website](#)

A to Z of Religion & Beliefs'



26 short films for 11-14s: The BBC have made new secondary RE programmes to address both a gap in current teacher resource provision and also to respond to teachers' feedback about the type of resources they need to deliver RE. The [secondary programmes](#) are an A to Z of world religions and belief, covering subjects as diverse as religious clothing, extremism, the distribution of wealth and more philosophical themes.

InterFaith Week 2017: organise your own event



Inter Faith Week 2017 will take place from 12-19th November. Take a look at the [Inter Faith Network website](#) for inspiration and a toolkit of activities.

The Story of Life on Earth



This superbly illustrated book by Catherine Barr tells the scientific account of how [life on Earth began](#). It does this in a 'story' style that marries scientific facts with a great rhythm and quality of language. Children are taken on a journey from the Big Bang to the evolution of humans. A great book to read alongside religious creation stories at almost any age!

Why not read this story alongside Genesis and ask some big questions – are these stories asking different questions? Why might a believer read both? What would they reflect on in each story?

The Bible Project



The Bible Project is a non-profit animation studio that produces short-form, fully animated videos to make the biblical story accessible to everyone, everywhere. Every book of the **Bible** has a narrative structure with its own plot and themes. The [Bible Project](#) offers a series of animated videos that walk through the narrative of the **Bible** book-by-book and theme-by-theme.

Holocaust Memorial Day

'I want to go on living even after my death! And that's why I am so grateful to God for having given me this gift, which I can use to develop myself and to express all that's in me. When I write I can shake off all my cares; my sorrow disappears; my spirits are revived.' - Anne Frank, written in her diary, 5 April 1944

There are useful activities for teaching about the Holocaust from [Holocaust Memorial Day Trust](#).

Free RE Resources

The Jerusalem Trust

The Jerusalem Trust makes available to schools a number of [grants to support the purchase of resources for teaching Christianity in Religious Education](#). These can include textbooks, teacher resources, artefacts etc for use in RE lessons. The fund is open to all primary and secondary schools; the maximum amount is £500.

Mind and Soul

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[Mind and soul](#) is a useful site exploring Christianity and mental health. It contains useful advice about mindfulness practice

RE Resources for teaching about Catholic Christianity (KS1-5)



Aquinas Resources and Conferencing (ARC) is a new project to help support and help the Catholic community in teaching high quality religious education. Useful materials [here](#) for teaching Christianity at primary and secondary level.

Exeter Diocese courses Jan – Jul 2018

SIAMS	Date	Place	Time
SIAMS the new framework	Thurs 11 th Jan	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30
SIAMS the new framework	Tues 27 th Feb	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30
SIAMS the new framework	Tues 20 th Mar	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30
The New SIAMS Framework	Wed 23 rd May	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30
The New SIAMS Framework	Fri 15 th Jun	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30
RE	Date	Place	Time
Fundamental British Values	Tues 9th Jan	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 13:00
RE Subject Leaders Annual Conference (for new and experienced RE subject leaders)	Tues 16th Jan	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30
Understanding Christianity	Mon 5th Feb (Day 2)	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30
RE Subject Knowledge Enhancement: Teaching Judaism & Islam (KS1/2)	Mon 26th Feb	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30
RE Curriculum Review	Tues 13th Mar	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 13:30
Philosophy for Children (P4C)	Mon 23 rd Apr	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30
Understanding Christianity (Day 1)	Mon 21 st May	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30
RE Subject Knowledge enhancement: Teaching Sikhism and Non-religious worldviews (KS2/3)	Tues 12 th Jun	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30
Inclusive Spiritual Development	Thurs 14 th Jun	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30