

# RE newsletter for Exeter Diocese and Devon schools



September 2017

**Welcome** to this new-look RE newsletter for the Autumn Term, offering advice and information on Religious Education to all schools in Devon and across the Diocese of Exeter. RE is a statutory subject for all pupils in schools, from 5-18 yrs, serving the purpose of enabling children to become more religiously literate. Media stories that feature issues relating to faith and beliefs continue to hit the [headlines](#), from President Trump calling for a national day of prayer, to the news that Justin Bieber is re-dedicating 'his life to Christ'.



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## Courses and CPD opportunities

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

**Conference:** Thurs 19/Fri 20 Oct, St Mellion

**Exeter hub**, St Peter's School, Exeter

4-5.30pm Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Sept Understanding Christianity

4.15-5.30pm 28<sup>th</sup> Sept Big Ideas in RE

**North Devon hub**, Boston Tea Party, Barnstaple

4.30-6pm Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept Understanding Christianity

**Torbay hub**, Warberry School, Torbay

4-5.30pm Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept Understanding Christianity

4-5.30pm Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

**East Devon hub**, Exmouth Community College

4.15-5.30pm Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Sept Controversial issues in RE

4.15-5.30pm 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

**South Devon hub**, Wolborough Primary School, Newton Abbot

4.15-5.30pm 16<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Plymouth hub**

4.15-5.30pm Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

## Exeter Diocese courses

**Teaching Hinduism and Buddhism (KS2/3)**, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Understanding Christianity**, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 (Day 1), 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 (Day 2)

**SIAMS update course** (current framework), 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

**SIAMS update course** (new framework), 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

**RE Subject Leaders Annual Conference**, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan '18 (all courses at the Old Deanery, Exeter EX1 1HS)

For further details contact:

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

Booking: [educationevents@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:educationevents@exeter.anglican.org)

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## Babcock/LDP courses

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

**Mahayana Buddhism (A Level)**, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, Hartridge Buddhist Monastery, nr Honiton

**Islam and Ethics (GCSE)**, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, Exeter Islamic Centre  
**Leading RE in the Primary School**, 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 2018, Tiverton Hotel, Tiverton

**Secondary RE Subject Leaders conf**, early Feb '18

These courses are still being set up on the system, but they will be available at: <http://www.babcock-education.co.uk/ldp/courses/bookings/default.asp>

For further details, contact [Ed Pawson](mailto:Ed Pawson)

## Learn, Teach, Lead RE 2017 conference



Last minute reminder for the LTLRE 2017 conference. Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>/ Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October, St Mellion, Nr Saltash. Limited availability for residential places, spaces still available for day delegates. To apply, contact [educationevents@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:educationevents@exeter.anglican.org)

## Assessment in RE



### Assessment in RE

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.

## 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 Memorial Day: 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 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2018. The world-renowned cellist, Raphael Wallfisch will be performing, alongside his mother, Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, who, at the age of 93, will be speaking about how she survived her imprisonment in Auschwitz and Belsen concentration camps. Priority places will be offered to secondary schools and a mailing will come out shortly advising schools how to book. Please share our [crowdfunding](#) page.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018, at the end of 'Love Your School Week' (wk beg 29<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> January

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

#### Mon 29<sup>th</sup> January

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

#### Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> 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'



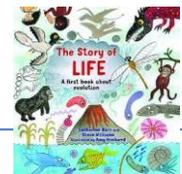
**26 short films for 11-14s:** The BBC have made new secondary RE programmes to address both a gap in current teacher resource provision and also to respond to teachers' feedback about the type of resources they need to deliver RE. The [secondary programmes](#) are an A to Z of world religions and belief, 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 12-19<sup>th</sup> 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.

Think: Does your pet love you as much as you love it?

## 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

Organisers of Holocaust Memorial Day activities: sign up for the [free workshop](#) in Exeter on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

## 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

[mind & soul foundation](#)

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

## Schools break law on RE

[A new report](#) says that more than a quarter of England's secondary schools do not offer religious education, despite the law saying they must, data obtained by the National Association for RE Teachers (NATRE) under Freedom of Information law indicates. Overall, 26% of secondaries were not offering RE lessons, and of academies, which make up the majority of secondary schools, 34% were not offering RE to 11 to 13-year-olds and 44% were not offering it to 14 to 16-year-olds. NATRE warned that missing the subject leaves pupils unprepared for modern life and "not religiously literate."

## Exeter Diocese courses Jan – Jul 2018

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