

RE newsletter for schools in Devon and Torbay and Exeter Diocese



January 2018

Happy New Year and welcome to the January RE newsletter, offering advice and information on Religious Education to all schools in Devon and Torbay, and across the Diocese of Exeter.

January is the season for New Year's resolutions, so why not make a pledge to get more RE training this year: attend a local LTLRE hub meeting, sign up for high quality RE CPD, attend the inspiring NATRE Strictly RE conference.

For RE support, please contact Ed Pawson at efpawson@gmail.com or ed.pawson@exeter.anglican.org
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Strictly RE: NATRE annual conference

STRICTLY RE 2018



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)

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](#)

RE support and resources

[Exeter Diocese](#) (guidance for Church of England schools)

[Devon SACRE RE](#) (guidance for all Devon schools)

[Learn, Teach Lead RE](#) (RE hub network groups)

[NATRE](#) (National Association of Teachers of RE)

[Reonline](#) (RE subject knowledge site)

Courses and CPD opportunities

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

East Devon hub, Woodbury Primary school

4.15-5.30pm Tues 27th Feb

Exeter hub, St Peter's High School

4.15-5.30pm Thurs 18th Jan

North Devon hub, Boston Tea Party, Barnstaple

Plymouth hub, St Matthews Primary School

4.15-5.30pm Thurs 18th Jan

South Devon hub, Wolborough P Sch, Newton Abbot

4.15-5.30pm Tues 16th Jan (Joint hub with Torbay)

Torbay hub

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West Devon and Dartmoor, Tavistock CC

4.15-5.30pm Thurs 1st Feb

Exeter Diocese courses

RE Subject Leaders Annual Conference, 16th Jan 2018

Teaching Judaism & Islam (KS1/2), Thurs 1st Mar (visiting the Synagogue and Mosque, Exeter)

SIAMS update course (new framework) 27th Feb 2018, 20th Mar

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

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

Raising the grade at GCSE in RS, Tues 27th Mar (pm), Ilfracombe Academy

Secondary RE conference, raising the grade at KS4, Mon 11th June venue TBA

Booking: <http://www.babcock-education.co.uk/ldp/courses/bookings/default.asp>

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

All Saints Teaching School Alliance

RE Matters with Lat Blaylock, Thurs 22nd Feb, Zeally House, Newton Abbot <http://astsa.org/course/rematters/>

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 10 students per school, plus one teacher) [click here](#).

RE Quality Mark



The [RE Quality Mark](#) has been developed to celebrate high quality religious education, providing all schools at primary and secondary level with a framework to capture good practice. You can use the REQM audit tool to help develop high quality RE in your school

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.

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.

The Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime Pledge



Hate crime can harm the very core of someone's identity and whilst this may often be committed through ignorance it can also be associated with inherent hostility and prejudice. Sign the [pledge to promote an equal society](#).

LGBT+ toolkit

Equality and Diversity



The Devon [LGBT+ toolkit](#), published in 2017, has been written for people who work in the health, social care, housing, education, policing sectors, and aims to help people understand how 'LGBT+ friendly' their organisation is.

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.

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](#).

Religions of the world



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

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](#).

Teaching Judaism and Islam in the Primary school (KS1/2)

Course title: RE Subject Knowledge Enhancement: Teaching Judaism and Islam in the Primary school (KS1/2)

Date: Monday 26th February Venue: The Old Deanery, Exeter Facilitator: [Ed Pawson](#) Time: 09:30 – 15:00 Cost Staff: £150 or £100 subscription rate per person (plus VAT where applicable) Governors: £80 or £60 subscription rate per person (plus VAT where applicable)

Course description: This course aims to provide support and inspiration for teachers of RE and RE coordinators in primary schools. It will offer practical ways of learning about and from Islam and Judaism, providing essential subject knowledge and active approaches to learning. Resources and ideas will be shared, offering engaging strategies and creative, enquiry-based materials suitable for children from 5-11.

Intended outcomes: The course will equip teachers to:

- Gain a good grasp of the key concepts and practices in Islam and Judaism
- Plan creative learning opportunities in Judaism and Islam
- Ensure progression in these topics across the primary age range
- Create challenging learning activities and classroom experiences
- Approach the teaching of these religions with greater confidence

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.

Mind and Soul



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

Share a pencil day



Join hundreds of schools and thousands of children across the UK in our next [Share a Pencil Day](#), organised by HOPE- Education for a brighter future. Wed 23rd May 2018 - the week following Yr 6 SATS exams

40 acts- Lent challenge



[40acts](#) is the generosity challenge for Lent, created by UK Christian charity, Stewardship. For seven years, 40acts has asked a question: what if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline?

Springs Dance Company

[Springs Dance Company](#) is a vibrant contemporary dance organisation bringing creative and engaging dance to schools. They create, perform, teach and discuss; using inspiring and challenging stories to make excellent dance that is relevant and life enhancing for everyone. **The Easter Project** offers thought-provoking workshops which provide a fresh way to engage young people with the Easter Story. **Magic Paintbrush Workshops** give young audiences the chance to explore the story for themselves.

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