

RE newsletter for schools in Devon and Torbay and Exeter Diocese



April 2018

Welcome to the April RE newsletter. A recurrent question for teachers of RE to consider is: what do we want our pupils to understand about religion and beliefs? Reality or stereotypes? This term's RE Today magazine has a feature on Suhaimah Manzoor-Khan. She challenges us to see Muslims for who they really are, neither wholly good or bad, just human. She says don't focus simply on Muslim role-models, but 'love us when we are lazy. Love us when we are poor... Love us when we aren't athletes or baking cakes.' Last year saw harrowing scenes as hundreds of thousands of (mainly Muslim) Rohingya refugees were driven from their homes in Myanmar. This questions culturally accepted myths that say Islam is dangerous and Buddhists are always pacifists. It also forces us to re-examine the pedestal on which we have placed Aung Sang Suu Kyi. How real is our RE?

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Courses and CPD opportunities

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

All hubs are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary

East Devon hub, Exmouth Community College

4.00-5.30pm Wed 25th Apr

Exeter hub, St Peter's High School

4.00-5.30pm Thurs 26th Apr

North Devon hub, Boston Tea Party, Barnstaple

4.30-6pm, Wed 25th Apr

Plymouth hub, St Matthews Primary School

4.15-5.30pm Thurs 10th May

South Devon hub, Wolborough P Sch, Newton Abbot

4.15-5.30pm Mon 23rd Apr

Torbay hub, Warberry School

4.15-5.30pm Tues 14th Apr

West Devon and Dartmoor, Tavistock CC

4.15-5.30pm Thurs 3rd May

Exeter Diocese courses

SIAMS update course (new framework) 23rd May

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 P3

Babcock/LDP courses

Leading RE in the Primary School, Thurs 24th May

2018, Tiverton Hotel, Tiverton

Secondary RE conference, raising the grade at KS4,

Mon 11th June, Tiverton Hotel, Tiverton

For booking: google Babcock CPD

For further details, contact [Ed Pawson](mailto:Ed.Pawson@exeter.anglican.org)

Advance notice: Interfaith Conference

'Dying matters' GCSE conference Fri 9th Nov 2018,

Exeter Racecourse (see P3 for details)

RE definitions



What word in religion and belief would you like to understand? [RE-Definitions](#) is an app for RE teachers giving handy access to the pronunciation and meaning of more than 200 key terms. As an app on mobiles and tablets, and as a website on PCs, it's for non-specialists who want to understand the words and how to pronounce them with confidence and for specialists wanting to brush up their knowledge.

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

RE support and resources

[Exeter Diocese](#) for C of E schools

[Devon SACRE RE](#) for all Devon schools and support for **assessment** in RE

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

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

[Re-online](#) RE subject knowledge site

[True Tube](#) free video resources

[RE definitions](#) free info about key RE words

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.

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.

Prayer spaces



[Prayer Spaces in Schools](#) is a website that gives support in planning creative opportunities for prayer and reflection. In a practical sense this involves transforming a physical space (a classroom, library, meeting room etc.) so pupils can creatively explore faith and spirituality from a broadly Christian perspective.

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

Current REQM holders are: Ilfracombe Academy, Kentisbeare PS, Ilsham PS, Marlborough PS, Hele's School, Hyde Park Infants. Congratulations to Wolborough PS for their recent REQM success!

Global Neighbours



[Global Neighbours](#) is a new and exciting school accreditation scheme developed by Christian Aid. It aims to encourage a deeper understanding of global injustice and the Christian response to it in primary school pupils across England. It is a great tool to help to empower young people to become agents of change themselves. It has been developed working in partnership with the Church of England's Education Office.

Thy Kingdom Come



[Thy Kingdom Come](#) is a prayer initiative encouraging a wide variety and expression of prayer across every mission community and parish in the diocese and with other denominations. It will be taking place during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost.

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.

Sources of Wisdom



[Sources of Wisdom](#) is a new website run by the Bible Society. It offers a range of resources for GCSE Religious Studies (9-1) which features a selection of Bible passages that have been chosen to compliment the Christianity components of the AQA, Edexcel, Eduqas and OCR specifications.

Religions of the world



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

Mind and Soul

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[Mind and soul](#) explores Christianity and mental health, containing advice about mindfulness

'Dying Matters' GCSE conference



An interfaith conference for GCSE students on death, dying and euthanasia; Friday 9th Nov 2018

This free conference for Devon and Torbay schools will be held at Exeter Racecourse. It will bring together teachers, health professionals and members of diverse faith and belief communities to discuss issues relating to death and dying, end of life care, assisted death and palliative care. The talks and workshops will be linked to topics featured in the various GCSE Religious Studies specifications.

SIAMS hubs

In the Autumn Term there will be SIAMS Hub meetings (4-6pm) at the following locations:

19 Sept	All Saints Thurlestone PS
20 Sept	Ilfracombe Academy
3 Oct	St Luke's, Exeter
8 Oct	Plympton St Mary's Infants
9 Oct	St Cuthbert Mayne, Torquay
10 Oct	Holsworthy PS
18 Oct	Ashleigh PS, Barnstaple

The main topic will be the new SIAMS framework, along with a Q and A session. These meetings will be free and open to all, but please book in through [Fran Bradley](#).

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.

Conference on Science, Technology and Faith

This [day conference](#) for lay and ordained church leaders and RE teachers will provide opportunities to hear from experts in the field of science and religion, to take part in workshops on bringing together science, technology and faith in the life of the Church, and to network with others in ministry, all in the beautiful surroundings of the campus of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford. 12th September.

Books at Press



[Books at Press](#) offer an array of resources for teaching RE in primary schools. They are currently offering a big discount on their traditional Muslim story resources. These are fabulous for topics around caring for the natural world.

The Bible Project



The Bible Project is an animation studio that produces short-form, fully animated videos to make the biblical story accessible to everyone. 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 them through book-by-book and theme-by-theme.

Exeter Diocese courses Apr – Jul 2018

SIAMS	Date	Place	Time
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
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