

# RE newsletter for schools in Devon and Torbay and Exeter Diocese

February 2018

Welcome to the February RE newsletter. There has been a lot of excellent news coverage over the last few weeks about the [need for more RE teachers](#) in schools. However, this has been accompanied by a sobering set of statistics in a recent [Yougov poll](#), which shows how poorly RE is rated by many members of the general public. This needs to galvanise our action to invigorate our teaching and spread the word, that RE is a vital element of a rounded education. We need to help parents in particular to grasp what a significant impact good RE can make on young people's understanding of themselves and the world in which they are growing up. I hope you will find that this newsletter gives some helpful pointers to good CPD opportunities, inspiring resources and helpful teaching tips.

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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**, Woodbury Primary school  
4.15-5.30pm Tues 27th Feb

**Exeter hub**, St Peter's High School  
4.15-5.30pm 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 15th Mar

**South Devon hub**, Wolborough P Sch, Newton Abbot  
**Torbay hub**

4.15-5.30pm Tues 6th Mar Warberry School

**West Devon and Dartmoor**, Tavistock CC  
4.15-5.30pm Mon 12th Mar

### Exeter Diocese courses

**SIAMS update course** (new framework) 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](mailto:educationevents@exeter.anglican.org)

See more courses on P3

### 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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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?

## 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.

## 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

## Free online anti-bullying training



As part of its All Together Programme, the Anti-bullying Alliance has developed a suite of [free online training](#) for anyone that works with children and young people.

## 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

## Withdrawal from RE: survey

By law, parents have a right to withdraw their children from RE and collective worship for religious reasons. David Lundie, at Liverpool Hope University, is carrying out some research to understand this process, and how it is handled by schools across the country. It is hoped that the data will inform the RE Council Commission's report and policy recommendations. To complete the survey, please go to: [www.hope.ac.uk/resurvey](http://www.hope.ac.uk/resurvey)

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Mind and Soul



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

## Exeter Diocese courses Feb – Jul 2018

SIAMS	Date	Place	Time
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
RE	Date	Place	Time
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