

RE newsletter for schools in Devon and Torbay and Exeter Diocese



September 2019

Welcome to Autumn 2019

I'd like to wish you all an excellent new term and new academic year. As we continue to grapple with the Brexit issue(!), I am reminded that the [The Golden Rule](#), to 'treat others as you want to be treated', is fundamental to all traditions. Some important issues to take note of, with links to resources:

- In May 2019 Devon County Council adopted St Boniface as the [Patron Saint of Devon](#)
- HMD January 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the [liberation of Auschwitz](#)
- September 2020 sees 400th Anniversary of the [Mayflower](#) sailing from Plymouth to America

New RE Agreed Syllabus for Devon, Torbay and Plymouth schools

In June we launched a new RE Syllabus for schools in Devon, Torbay and Plymouth and every school should have received a hard copy free of charge.

Download your new RE syllabus here:

<https://www.retoday.org.uk/coursedownload/>

Password for Devon and Torbay schools:

[D&TLaunch2019!](#)

Password for Plymouth schools:

[PlyLaunch2019!](#)

These resources can also be found on the [LTLRE website](#)

Additional syllabus launch events

For schools who missed the big launch events we are running additional training days for teachers to find out how to use the new RE Agreed Syllabus

Cullompton Community Centre, EX15 1JX

- Mon 30th Sept 2019 (9:30am - 3:30pm)
- Fri 6th Dec 2019 (9:30am - 3:30pm)

[Booking site](#)

Additional teaching units

The syllabus comes with medium term planning. Detailed SoW and lesson plans are available to buy. Find out [here](#).

Understanding Christianity training

The Christianity units in the new syllabus are taught through the Understanding Christianity approach.

Training dates:

- Plymouth: Wed 9th Oct 2019, Fri 31st Jan 2020
- Exeter: Tues 3rd Dec 2019

To find out more contact [Ed Pawson](#)

For RE support, please contact Ed Pawson at efpawson@gmail.com or ed.pawson@exeter.anglican.org
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Courses and CPD opportunities

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

LTLRE hubs are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary. Contact hub leaders for details:

- [East Devon hub](#) Woodbury Prim school 14 Nov
- [Exeter hub](#) St Peter's CofE School, Exeter 28 Nov
- [North Devon hub](#) Boston Tea Party, Barnstaple
- [Plymouth hub](#) Bickleigh Down School: 16 Oct
- [South Devon hub](#) Wolborough Primary School
- [Torbay hub](#) Warberry School, Torquay
- [Mid Devon hub](#) Witheridge Primary school (new hub): 7 Nov

LTLRE conference 2019 St Mellion, Saltash, Thurs 10th/Fri 11th October £60 (residential or day conference).

[Flyer](#) and [Booking form](#) on LTLRE homepage

Holocaust Memorial Day 2020

Exeter events for schools: Mon 27th Jan 2020 (suitable for Y6 and above) [More info?](#)

Hate Crime Awareness Week 12-19 Oct

Conference for Interfaith Week on Dying Matters

[Dying Matters](#) is a day conference for Y9 upwards at Bideford College during Interfaith Week 2019. Speakers from diverse faith and belief perspectives. Thursday 14th Nov, FREE
To book contact efpawson@gmail.com

Key thought:

"When we see others as separate, they become a threat. When we see others as part of us, as connected, as interdependent, then there is no challenge we cannot face—together."

— Desmond Tutu, [The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World](#)

School in a bag



[School in a Bag](#) is a simple solution created to help poor, orphan, vulnerable and disaster affected children throughout the world. Each SchoolBag is filled with stationery, learning resources and eating utensils that will enable a child to write, draw, colour, calculate, express themselves and above all learn.

The Blockbuster Bible



Behind the scenes of the [Bible Story](#). Join 3D Freddie and Popcorn Sally for the Bible story, retold as never before. Meet the Bible's best-loved characters through scripts and storyboards, movie posters and social media, acceptance speeches, and interviews with the stars.

Sacred Wonders



[Sacred Wonders](#) is a new, inspiring set of BBC religion videos. Many of today's best known landmarks have been inspired by faith and today more worshippers than ever are flocking to these sacred places. But why do they continue to provoke such passion? 100s of years after first built they remain places of deep spiritual significance .. and controversy!

Sacred Rivers



Simon Reeve follows the [sacred waters of the Ganges](#) from source to sea, exploring how India's economy has affected its religious culture.

Harvest resources



[Resources](#) from Christian Aid for Harvest Festival

Global links for schools

A number of schools are exploring how to develop better Global links with other schools or development projects. If you have a successful link in your school/locality [I would be very interested to know](#) about what you are doing.

The Diocese of Exeter has a long-standing companion link with the Thika Diocese in Kenya. If you would like to know more about this link, [please get in touch](#).

Religious Festivals Calendar



You can access dates and details of Religious Festivals [here](#). You can also buy A2 wall chart and colour photograph calendars from [the Shap website](#).

Holocaust Memorial Day



HMD 2020: Stand Together. Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2020 marks 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. There are a number of different ways to get involved in this [landmark anniversary](#). Find out about the 75 Memorial Flames art project [here](#).

There are some resources relating to local and topical HMD issues [here](#). This includes an article about 'Jews of the West Country' which explains how, early in WW2, North Devon became a temporary haven for over 3,000 Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi persecution.

Don't be content in your life just to do no wrong, be prepared every day to try and do some good.
Sir Nicholas Winton, who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Europe

Islam Resources



[Hijab and me](#): Three young Muslim women called Ambar, Ilhan and Athena give their personal (and very different!) opinions on what it means to wear hijab, and the status of women in Islam. Other useful sites in hijab:

[Judge me by what's in my head, not what's on it](#)
[That's my hijab](#) [Don't judge me](#)

Faith and Belief School Visitors directory



A directory is 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.

SIAMS Hubs for CofE schools

SIAMS hubs are free twilight sessions (4-6pm) open to anyone involved in the SIAMS process: SLT, teachers, governors, ethos teams etc. Plenty of time for Q and A. Please book-in through [Fran Bradley](#). Autumn 2019: vision and dignity

30 Sep	Plympton St. Mary's, Plymouth
1 Oct	St. John's, Totnes
2 Oct	St. Luke's Science & Sports College, Exeter
3 Oct	Ashleigh Primary School, Barnstaple
7 Oct	All Saints, Thurlestone, nr Kingsbridge
8 Oct	Holsworthy Primary School