

RE newsletter

Welcome to Spring!



Welcome to the second RE newsletter of 2021. As the Christian season of Lent gets under way, it's a good time to reflect on our relationship with ourselves and with those around us. Traditionally Lent was about fasting and giving stuff up, but increasingly many people are thinking about how they can do Lent differently. There are resonances with the Muslim month of Ramadan in these ideas: as well as being a time of fasting and charity, Ramadan is also about generosity and care for others. [40 Acts](#) offers a wealth of suggestions of ways to make a difference and there's a useful 40 acts [family wallchart](#) full of ideas for each day, from making cakes to share with someone else, to being generous and paying others compliments.

RE CPD

Courses from Exeter Diocese, suitable for all schools, online via Zoom. Details and booking [here](#)

Introduction to the new RSHE units (KS1-3)
4.00-5.30pm Wed 24th Feb 2021 (£30)

RE subject leaders (KS1-2)
1.00-3.30pm Tues 16th Mar 2021 (£30)

Equality and unconscious bias (KS1-3)
4.00-5.00pm Wed 24th Mar 2021 (£30)

Understanding Christianity: course starts again in September. Get in touch to pre-book

Courses from Babcock/LDP (online via Click) All courses £38 plus VAT

Outstanding teaching and learning in Secondary RE [Booking here](#)
1.00-4.00pm Thurs 18th Mar 2021

Leading RE in the primary school
[Booking here](#)
1.00-4.00pm Tues 23rd Mar 2021

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For RE support, please contact Ed Pawson at efpawson@gmail.com or ed.pawson@exeter.anglican.org
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Learn Teach Lead RE (LTLRE)



Hub meetings are currently being hosted online, 4-5.15pm. Meetings are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary. See [website](#) for more details.

Special School RE hub: Thurs 4th March 2021
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81715059427?pwd=ZExLSS9hb2NOZEtVZlhGSXNhM0tJZz09>

Secondary hub: Wed 10th Mar 2021
Exams, World Religions and Worldviews, Anti-racist RE, using text in the classroom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82535156366?pwd=V2RjUGVtZ09LVFEF1VXhPQVRtVkt5QT09>

Primary hub: Thurs 11th Mar 2021
Home learning and knowledge organisers
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82305845603?pwd=d3FWS2pNlTVZWMXNlNkRNY2MvY3VJZz09>

S Devon/Torbay primary hub: Thurs 18th Mar 2021
Using Sacred Texts in RE
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82207312994?pwd=ZHQyQzNENGvNYTg0b11NjFBU01Hdz09>

East Devon primary hub: Tues 23rd Mar 2021
RE and spiritual development
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83869768035?pwd=THR5Qkd1UWE3djlqQ0xmNG80d2dRdz09>

Plymouth hub: Wed 28th April 2021
Teaching Islam and Hinduism in the new syllabus
Contact [Katie Freeman](#)

Secondary hub: Thurs 29th April 2021
New ideas for teaching RE at KS4
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87054329403?pwd=blpTQ0pCUkdXWUpRVmR4VUJ2czJadz09>

Secondary hub: Thurs 10th June 2021
Religious Beliefs in Palestine/Israel: 20thC Perspective
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86373297902?pwd=RgtBQ2dlV2kwbHVLVDdleU02a09VQQT09>

Home learning resources

Free primary and secondary home learning [resources](#) from NATRE

A to Z of [Religion and Belief](#) (KS3)

RE and Anti-racism

Devon and Torbay SACREs have recommended that schools should incorporate elements of the RE Today/NATRE [Anti-racist RE](#) materials into their learning schemes (at KS2 and KS3). These excellent resources complement the [RE Agreed Syllabus](#)

Virtual tours for RE

[Virtual tours of landmarks](#) and religious sites from Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Morocco, Kuwait, Yemen etc. Examine the marvels of Islamic architecture, visit mosques, religious sites with 360 degree panoramic images in high quality. Works on ipads

Just think

Philosophy puzzles for children aged 9 – 90. Is the world we see around us really there? Is it ever right to do something wrong? Is beauty just a matter of opinion? This book contains 30 philosophy puzzles, followed by commentaries giving parents and teachers more background on each question.

Webinars for A level

Chester Uni Theology and Religious Studies Dept are again offering [a great series of talks for A level RS](#) students, covering a whole array of topics relevant to the A Level RS spec. You can also find the videos from the excellent summer 2020 lectures [here](#).

Theology and RS degrees

What do you do with a Theology or RS degree? This [Youtube](#) site has a number of excellent interviews with TRS graduates, now engaged in diverse careers.

Interfaith resources

[Interfaith Network](#) is producing secondary interfaith resource. Contact [David Hampshire](#) to view some of the materials to comment on their content and suitability.

Art in heaven 2021

[Art in Heaven 2021](#) : a great way to bring RE alive!

Duty to teach RE to all pupils

Schools' Minister Nick Gibb gives [clear statement](#): schools have a duty to teach RE to all pupils 5-18

St Wilfrid's Trust

Apply for support for RE from St Wilfrid's Trust. It invites applications for one-off awards (up to £1000) to assist a school in the support and encouragement of RE in the school. This could be in the form of books or media material, tablets, projects, courses or educational trips. All schools are eligible to [apply](#), including community schools and CofE schools.

RE teachers' survey

Ruth Flanagan (ITE lecturer at Exeter Uni) asks: could you spare 10 minutes to complete a [questionnaire](#) examining teachers' own personal worldviews. She will be using this data to develop resources for teachers to assist with teaching about religion(s) and worldviews in the classroom. If you would like to participate in virtual interviews, please contact [Ruth](#)

National Plan for RE

The Commission on RE (2018) [Final Report](#) proposes that a **new National Plan for RE** should be enacted to ensure that learning in RE remains academically rigorous and a knowledge-rich preparation for life in a world of great diversity of religion and belief. Here's a [one page summary](#) of the report and its recommendations for you to share with school leaders.

Teach:RE Tutored Modules

Find out more about [Teach:RE tutored modules](#).

- Improve your subject knowledge
- Develop your skills and understanding
- Explore new ways of thinking in Religion and Worldviews

CofE Schools

Dates for [SIAMS hub meetings](#). Focus for Summer term meetings will be SIAMS and RSHE

Collective Worship

[Collective worship](#) resources focusing on spiritual development