

RE newsletter

Awaiting the 2021 census: celebrating diversity through religion and worldviews

In the coming weeks we will see data from the 2021 national UK census published. This will inevitably show that fewer people in our society are referring to themselves as 'Christians'. Professor Abby Day [predicts](#) that the proportion of people ticking the 'Christianity' box will be less than 50%. Some have argued that this means that schools should put less emphasis on teaching about religion. However, I would suggest that this makes [the study of religious and non-religious worldviews](#) more important than ever, because what the census will also show is that the UK is becoming more ethnically and religiously diverse. Over recent years many of our schools have witnessed growing numbers of children from different cultural and religious backgrounds. This alters the way we see ourselves and it's vital our pupils can learn to navigate these changes, celebrating the diversity of our society and learning how to view others with dignity and respect.

HMD 2023



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1

The Theme for 2023 will be [Ordinary People](#). Holocaust Education Trust materials can be found [here](#). G2G resources [here](#). Resources for Devon schools [here](#).

Rob Rinder to speak at HMD 2023 Exeter

On 27th Jan 2023 we will be hosting a number of free talks and events in Exeter, for Y5 and upwards.
Exeter Cathedral
10-10.30am Commemoration
10.40-11.30 Rob Rinder (AKA Judge Rob) TBC
Plus other events, to be mailed out soon
Watch Rob Rinder on Good Morning Britain
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yo9qhQN8LyE>
Rob Rinder on HMD
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0z7AJKAUyk>

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Learn Teach Lead RE (LTLRE)



LTLRE hub (twilight) meetings are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary. See LTLRE [website](#) for full details.

Cornwall hub (primary): Tues 15th Nov

Special School hub: Wed 16th Nov, Wed 8th Mar

Torbay/S Devon hub: Thurs 17th Nov, Thurs 9th Mar

West Cornwall hub: Thurs 17th Nov

North Devon hub: Thurs 19th Jan

Exeter hub: Thurs 26th Jan

RE mailing list

Get in [touch](#) if you'd like to be added to the RE mailing list.

Interfaith Week 2022

[Interfaith week 2022](#) takes place between 13-20 November. You can find educational activities [here](#). Use the list of Devon [religion and worldviews](#) visitors to find a member of a religion or belief group to speak at your school. You can also find some great video material on the [TrueTube](#) website.

Courses from Exeter Diocese

Time	Date	Details	Cost
4-5.15pm	15 th Nov	RE updates for CofE primary schools (online)	Free
4-5.15pm	24 th Nov	RE updates for CofE secondary schools (online)	Free
9.30-3.15pm	20 th Jan	Leading RE in the primary school (Exeter)	£90

Exploring ideas about Christmas

Sacred spaces at [Advent](#)
Exploring the [Biblical stories](#): in their differing accounts of the first Christmas, the Gospels of Matthew and Luke provide important historical details about where and when Jesus was born. Birth of Jesus: [myth and history](#)

Free RE teacher CPD

Free, online, self-study [courses](#) for RE teachers and leaders
Religion and Worldviews on the [RE podcast](#)

GCSE Islam

Blog: teaching GCSE Islam through the [life of the Prophet](#)

Two mules

The book [Two Mules](#) is a fable for children about cooperation based on a Quaker poster from 1933.

Grants for RE

You can apply for small grants for RE resources from the [Jerusalem Trust](#)

Subject knowledge courses

Sign up [here](#) for RE Today subject knowledge courses for primary and secondary teachers of RE
Understanding Christianity [course](#)

RE Today
Services

Studying Buddhism

Access support to teach about Buddhism via [Twitter](#), linking RE teachers and students to Buddhist communities in Britain and other resources

Teacher surveys

[Survey](#) of Teachers' Voices on Religion and Worldviews
[Survey](#) of teachers about withdrawal from RE

Hinduism factsheet



Here's a useful factsheet on [Hinduism](#) explaining that it is better understood as a family of traditions or a network of related beliefs and practices rather than a formal religion.

Exeter Cathedral virtual tour

Check out the link here for the Exeter Cathedral [virtual tour](#)

Inclusive Judaism

[Inclusive Judaism](#), hosted by the London Jewish Museum, aims to increase understanding of the diversity within Judaism. You can access an extensive image library helping to build an authentic representation of what it means to be Jewish.

CofE schools

SIAMS hubs

SIAMS Hub Meetings will be discussing plans for a new look SIAMS for Sept 2023. Booking [here](#) (don't worry if you can't attend the one in your area).

Wed 11 th Jan	Exeter, East and North Devon
Thurs 12 th Jan	Plymouth, Torbay, South and West Devon