

RE newsletter for schools in Devon and Torbay and Exeter Diocese

November 2018

Welcome to the November RE newsletter. In my September RE newsletter I reported that one of the recommendations from the Commission on Religious Education is that the subject should be renamed [Religion and Worldviews](#). What are your views on this? Would this work in your school? I'd be interested to hear your views. [Interfaith Week](#) runs from 11th -18th Nov. Are you planning any learning activities to celebrate religion and belief diversity?

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Courses and CPD opportunities

Learn Teach Lead RE (LTLRE) <http://ltlre.org/events>
Hubs are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary. See [website](#) for more details

East Devon hub, Exmouth Community College TBA
Exeter hub, St Peter's High School TBA
North Devon hub, Boston Tea Party, Barnstaple TBA
Plymouth hub, St Matthews Primary School 4.00pm Thurs 8th Nov
South Devon hub, Warberry School, Torquay 4.15-5.30pm Thurs 8th Nov
Torbay hub, Warberry School, Torquay 4.15-5.30pm Thurs 8th Nov
West Devon and Dartmoor, Tavistock CC TBA

Exeter Diocese courses

Teaching Buddhism and Hinduism Mon 19th Nov
Understanding Christianity 22nd Nov (one day course plus twilight) All courses at the Old Deanery, Exeter EX1 1HS). For further details [contact](#)



Interfaith Week 2018 (11-19 Nov)

Dying Matters GCSE [conference](#) Fri 9th Nov 2018, Exeter Racecourse
Hope in Conflict [conference](#) Sat 17th Nov with Pádraig Ó Tuama leader of the Corrymeela Community, Ireland's oldest peace and reconciliation witness

Devon and Torbay RE Agreed Syllabus

Thanks to those who completed the Primary RE survey. While a third of respondents said they find the existing Agreed Syllabus helpful, two thirds said it either offers no help or it needs improvement. See Page 3 for more info on this.
We hope to launch a new, better resourced RE Agreed Syllabus for all schools in Torbay and Devon for September 2019. More info on this in the New Year.

Making PEACE

PEACE CHARTER

[INSPIRE](#) aims to help schools commemorate the centenary of the First World War, encouraging pupils to become agents of peace. Activities encourage pupils to research, discuss and engage these issues. Get involved through the [INSPIRE Peace Charter](#), hold a remembrance and peace service on Fri 9 Nov or use the resources specially created by the [Church of England](#).

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."

Christingle Services



Christingle means 'Christ's Light'. The custom of giving out lighted candles in these services began in Germany in 1747, but it wasn't introduced to England until 1968. These resources from the Childrens' Society explore its history and how to [celebrate Christingle](#).

RE support and resources

[Exeter Diocese](#) for C of E schools
[Devon SACRE RE](#) for all Devon schools: RE Agreed Syllabus and support for **assessment** in RE
[Learn, Teach Lead RE](#) RE hub network groups
[NATRE](#) National Association of Teachers of RE
[RE Quality Mark](#) to audit and celebrate your RE
[Re-online](#) RE subject knowledge site
[True Tube](#) free video resources
[RE definitions](#) free info about key RE words
[Religious Education Council](#) national voice for RE

Strictly RE 2019



Join the throng of teachers of RE at NATRE's annual conference on Sat 26th Jan 2019: [Strictly RE](#). Book now for a bargain price. It's even cheaper if you are a NATRE member.

Useful video resources



Primary: Videos for Divali [here](#) and [here](#)
Primary: The [Story Keepers](#) tells the story of a Christian leader and his family's adventures living in Ancient Rome whose mission is to keep Jesus's stories alive during the 1st century.
Secondary: in The [Battle for Christianity](#) Professor Robert Beckford looks at how immigration, radical social action, conservative morality and charismatic worship are transforming the face of Christianity in the UK.

What makes Christmas so special?

Are you planning your Christmas lessons? This [resource](#) from RE:quest might be useful. It explores why Christmas is so special for Christians and how the significance of this festival is not found in the shopping or decorations or even in the presents. Watch this short film to find out what makes it so special.

'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, including a debate on euthanasia.

Philosophy 4 Children



This calls itself the [Ultimate P4C resource](#). Here's a review: *Thank you for making this! We've introduced P4C across the school after buying this and I think it's had a profound impact on some students. I've received a lot of positive feedback from my colleagues. Recommended :)*

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.

Faith Motivated Arts



Saltmine Theatre Company is a professional touring theatre company with a Christian ethos. Check out their [website](#) to see what they are offering or to book them to visit your school

Spirited Poetry 2019



Get involved in this year's NATRE [Spirited Poetry competition](#) with a focal point for World Poetry Day on 21 March 2019. Schools are invited to send in up to ten poems. Entrance is open to children and young people aged 5–19, closing date 31 July 2019.

Thinking Biblically about ...



What does the Bible have to say about contemporary issues? This (free-of-charge) series of [13 pamphlets](#) provides accessible introductions to biblical perspectives on a range of modern 'hot topics', from consumerism, to social media, to surveillance. These 8-page pamphlets are concise, thought-provoking and attractively presented. Suitable for KS3-5.

GCSE RS revision resources



Seneca is a social enterprise that offers free [revision and homework resources for GCSE](#) students. The content applies effective learning strategies to help students learn more effectively and accounts can be created to track pupils' progress in the platform. Only AQA material at present, but more exam boards as well as KS3 and KS5 content to follow.

Christianity resource book

Where in the World?

[Where in the World?](#) is a global Christianity resource for primary school teachers of RE. It provides lesson outlines, a five-week scheme of work, background information and a section on learning objectives and outcomes. It also contains useful material for assemblies and collective worship.

Good learning in RE

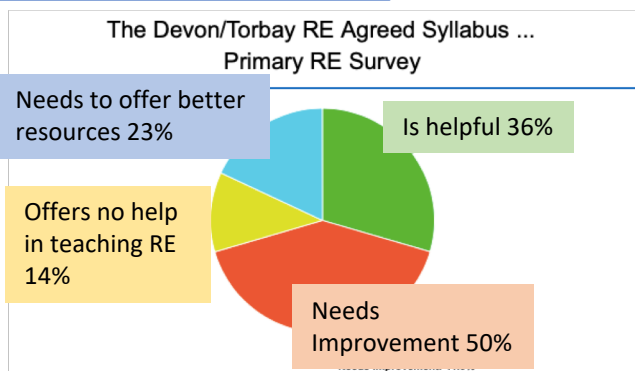


In this short NATRE [film](#), children, teachers and parents talk about how primary school RE can help personal development, exploring big questions, engaging with beliefs and values, and expressing their own questions and responses.

Why RE Matters

The ability to understand the faith or belief of individuals and communities, and how these may shape their culture and behaviour, is an invaluable asset for children in modern day Britain. Explaining religious and non-religious worldviews in an academic way allows young people to engage with the complexities of belief, avoid stereotyping and contribute to an informed debate. (Statement from the [Religious Education Council website](#))

RE Survey Results



New RE resources sheet

Find the new [RE Resources sheet](#) here

SIAMS hubs

Spring Term 2019 dates for CofE school SIAMS Hub meetings (4-6pm) at the following locations. Topic: Courageous Advocacy, with plenty of time for Q and A. These meetings will be free and open to all eg SLT, teachers, governors, Ethos teams etc. Please book-in through [Fran Bradley](#).

Date (4.00-6.00pm)	Venue
Wed 9 th January	St Cuthbert Mayne Schl, Torquay
Tues 15 th Jan	All Saints Thurlestone, S Devon
Mon 21 st Jan	Plympton St Mary's Infants
Tues 22 nd Jan	Ashleigh Pr School, Barnstaple
Wed 23 rd Jan	Holsworthy Pr School, N Devon
Thurs 24 th Jan	Ilfracombe Academy, N Devon
Mon 4 th Feb	Zealley House, Newton Abbot
Wed 6 th Feb	St Luke's Science and Sports College, Exeter

Exeter Diocese courses Autumn 2018

Teaching Hinduism & Buddhism	Mon 19th Nov	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30	Standard charges (see Pg 3)	Teachers
Understanding Christianity	Thurs 22 nd Nov*	The Old Deanery, Exeter	09:30 – 15:30	£150 including resources, 2 nd delegate £75 (no resources)	Teachers, Leaders, Governors