

RE newsletter for schools in Devon and Torbay and Exeter Diocese



January 2020

Welcome to 2020

We seem to be living in a world where controversy and disagreements are ever-present, and religion and worldviews are key elements of this picture: from Mike Pompeo (US Secretary of State), who says that President Trump may have been [sent to us by God](#), to [antisemitic graffiti](#) in Exmouth, to the debate about whether Bideford should continue to call itself the 'Little White Town'. RE should help our pupils gain a better understanding of their own beliefs and those of others (locally and globally) becoming 'skilled cultural navigators'.

The new RE syllabus (see P2) has come at a significant time, enabling schools to show how RE fits into the **Ofsted pattern of Intent, Implementation, Impact**. The intent is clearly laid out in the aims statement and the implementation is provided for in detailed planning support.

New syllabus feedback

Devon and Torbay SACREs are keen to understand the impact being made by the new RE syllabus. Please give us feedback [here](#) (it will take 2 minutes!)

Ofsted and RE



This [latest publication from NATRE](#) features key details from Ofsted reports published during Autumn 2019 that mention RE. They give a picture of what inspectors are looking for under the new framework.

RE Resources

[Discovering Sacred Texts](#) provides access to the richness and diversity of the texts from some of the world's greatest faiths.

Primary

[Inspiring RE](#) is a new primary series of nine curriculum books designed for classroom teachers and subject leaders to help them improve the teaching of RE and to improve pupils' subject knowledge. Buy them [here](#).

Secondary

[My Year of living Biblically](#) is a TEDtalk from AJ Jacobs who explains how the Bible changed his life, but questions whether it can actually be taken literally!

[Sources of Wisdom](#) is a range of student workbooks for GCSE RS. These Bible Society resources address the increased focus on sacred texts in the new GCSE specs.

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 (LTLRE)

<http://ltlre.org/events>

Hubs are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary. They usually start at 4.15-4.30pm. Contact hub leaders for details:

East Devon hub 3rd Mar at Woodbury PS

Exeter hub 6th Feb and 10th Mar at St Peter's CofE School, Exeter

North Devon hub 13th Feb at Boston Tea Party, Barnstaple

Plymouth hub 4th Mar at Bickleigh Down PS

South Devon hub 12th Mar at Wolborough PS, Newton Abbot

Torbay hub see South Devon hub

Mid Devon hub: 13th Feb at Chulmleigh CC and 26th Mar at Witheridge PS

New syllabus training day

- Mon 16th Mar, Cullompton Community Centre
- Thurs 19th Mar, St John's PS, Totnes

Understanding Christianity training

- Fri 31st Jan 2020 in Plymouth
- Mon 8th Jun at Broomhill Art Hotel, Barnstaple
- Thurs 18th Jun at Trinity CE Primary Exeter

Holocaust Memorial Day 2020

Exeter events for schools: Mon 27th Jan 2020 (suitable for Y6+) [More info](#) [See details on Page 2/3/4](#)

Strictly RE 2020



Join the throng at NATRE's annual conference on Sat 25th Jan 2020: [Strictly RE](#).

Email a believer



[Email a believer](#) is a great way to connect your pupils to people of different faith and belief traditions.

New RE Agreed Syllabus for Devon, Torbay, Plymouth schools

You can access the new RE Syllabus for schools in Devon, Torbay and Plymouth [here](#)
Devon and Torbay password: [D&TLaunch2019!](#)
Plymouth password: [plylaunch2019!](#)

These resources can also be found on the [LTLRE website](#) homepage (same pw as Devon)

Training day on the new syllabus

- Mon 16th Mar, Cullompton Community Centre
- Thurs 19th Mar, St John's Primary School, Totnes

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. Cost: £125 (includes full resource and whole day training).

Dates:

- Fri 31st Jan at St Matthews CE Primary, Plymouth
- Mon 8th June at Broomhill Art Hotel, Barnstaple
- Thurs 18th June at Trinity CE Primary Exeter

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

Holocaust Memorial Day



Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2020 marks 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. This year's theme of [Stand Together](#) explores the way in which genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising certain groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together with their neighbours, and speaking out against oppression.

Join with schools across the country on 27th January to say the HMD [prayer](#)

Lesson and assembly [plans](#) can be accessed here.

Better Primary RE



A new NATRE project is helping schools that recognise the need to improve their RE provision. The invitation-only project will enable participating schools to offer 'Better RE': thinking, creativity, standards and challenge. If you want to know more, please [email](#)

Farmington Scholarships



Applications for [Farmington Scholarships](#) are now open. Scholarships available to teachers of religious education and associated subjects in UK secondary, primary, and special needs schools. They cover the cost of tuition, essential local travel and, **the salary of a replacement teacher for up to 30 days**. Closing date: 26th Jan 2020

Faith/Belief Visitors



A directory of [faith and belief visitors](#)

Guidance on withdrawal from RE



This document provides guidance and support for head teachers, senior leaders and teachers of RE to manage [the right of withdrawal](#) in their school. It clarifies the law and offers suggestions for dealing with specific withdrawal scenarios.

DfE Guidance on RE

Department for Education

This site provides guidance from DfE on the legal expectations for [RE and collective worship in academies and free schools](#).

Global links for schools

Exeter Diocese is keen to set up partnership links between schools in its linked Diocese in Thika (Kenya). Funding is available from the British Council for global learning through [Connecting Classrooms](#). Please get in touch if you would like to be connected to a school in Kenya.

Cultural Champions



A [Cultural Champion](#) is a Devon resident from another culture or religion who comes into the classroom, to give pupils an authentic personal view of their culture.

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](#). Spring 2020: spiritual development

24th Feb	Plympton St Mary's Infants, Plym
25th Feb	St Johns, Totnes
26th Feb	St Luke's CofE School, Exeter
3rd Mar	Ashleigh Primary School, Barnstaple



Holocaust Memorial Day 2020:
Stand Together

Events for Holocaust Memorial Day Exeter 2020

Monday 27th January 2020

Place	Times	Details	Age
Cathedral	10.00 - 10.35am	Opening ceremony: Lord Mayor of Exeter, Chairman of DCC, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Dean of Exeter Cathedral, Student Ambassadors, Primary school choirs	Any
Guildhall	10.00am - 3.30pm	Free Exhibition on the Holocaust and other genocides	Y5+
Synagogue	10.00am-12.00	Synagogue tour: <u>30 minute</u> guided visits (Stewart Raine)	Y8+
Southernhay URC	10.45-11.35am	Talk: stories from the liberation of Bergen-Belsen Concentration camp (Cathie Bowness)	Y5+
	11.45-12.30pm	Film and talk: Showings of 'Porajmos', the Nazi genocide of the Gypsy, Roma and Sinti peoples (Liz Small)	Y8+
	12.45 - 1.30pm	Talk: a Kindertransport Child, the story of Otto Deutsch (Stewart Raine)	Y8+
	1.45-2.30pm	Talk: Russia and the Holocaust (Issy Sawkins)	Y8+
	1.45-2.30pm	Talk and activity: Whoever saves a single life, the story of an Albanian (Muslim) family rescuing Jews (Jeremy Roberts /Ed Pawson)	Y5+
			Human rights trail: a guided, reflective walk in central Exeter
Guildhall	3.30 - 3.45pm	Closing ceremony, Moments of Reflection & Candle Lighting led by the Jewish Community	Y5+

Wednesday 29th January 2020

Southernhay URC	7.30-8.45pm	Speaking across the divide: 'The Nazis tried to kill kindness. We fight against that'. <u>Noemie Lopian</u> (the daughter of Holocaust survivors) and <u>Derek Neimann</u> (the grandson of an SS Officer)
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All events are free and open to the public. For booking information, please contact [Ed Pawson](#) for details



A Holocaust Memorial Day Event Exeter 2020

Speaking Across The Divide

'The Nazis tried to kill kindness. We fight against that.'



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1

- Noemie Lopian and Derek Niemann
- Southernhay URC, Exeter
- 7.30pm Wed 29th Jan 2020
- Free event

- **Dr Noemie Lopian**
the daughter of
Holocaust survivors
- **Derek Niemann**
the grandson of an
SS officer



Through this extraordinary partnership, Neomie and Derek share their stories as a warning of the perils of extremism and to inspire greater understanding of people we might consider to be 'other'.

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