

RE newsletter

Coronavirus Edition!

April 2020

Hi and welcome to a my lockdown newsletter! I hope you are all managing to stay sane and well in these strange times. This newsletter is designed to give you some suggestions for home learning resources, while schools are closed to the majority of pupils.

I've actually really enjoyed pulling together a whole list of great RE ideas and support materials here; there's such a lot of great material out there. However, just a word of caution. Many parents are doing a valiant job home schooling, but don't feel you have to [overload them with work](#); less might just be more!

For RE support, please contact Ed Pawson at efpawson@gmail.com



RE study links

RE blogs

[RE online blogs](#) will improve your understanding of current issues in RE

[Knowledge rich](#) is not a knowledge organiser

[Against Worldviews](#) blog

How I use technology to [digitally enhance teaching](#) and learning in RE

A [quiet education](#): challenging the extrovert ideal in our schools

Lockdown resources

RE Today

Probably the most useful set of materials on offer. A fantastic array of [resources](#) from RE Today and NATRE.

BBC

Extensive array of Bitesize RE resources available here: [KS1](#), [KS2](#), [KS3](#), [KS4](#), [Class clips](#)

My life my religion videos are available in clips on the [BBC website](#). You can find the full versions on YouTube. BBC are also doing [daily lessons](#) from Mon 20th April.

Bob Bowie's blog on [Liberation Theology](#) is designed for A level RS teachers/students, but I think teachers of RE at any level might find this really interesting and useful.

Study courses

Teach:RE is offering a free [self-study module](#)

Free CPD on religions from [Harvard University](#)

Online RE learning resources: loads of [free RE sites](#)

TrueTube

[TrueTube](#) great short films for RE, PSHE and Citizenship

KS3 Philosophy of Religion [teaching resources](#)

Current issues

Picture news: Learning from the world around us. Each week [Picture News](#) creates a teaching resource around a thought-provoking question from a current news story.

BBC Click explores how [religion has gone online](#) during the coronavirus pandemic (11 minutes in and lasts 7 minutes)

Newsround explores how children are [practising their faith](#) during the lockdown

General resources

Picturing Islam

This [new picture pack](#) is an exceptional resource for exploring British and global Islam. It offers 24 picture cards as doorways into the diverse global world of Islam and Muslims. Suitable for primary and secondary.

New KS3 Hodder RE textbook [Explore RE](#) covering topics on religions, philosophy and ethics.

Help for primary schools: Primary 1000 is a new project for schools who recognise the need to [improve their RE](#) provision

Mayflower 400: September 2020 sees the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower sailing from Plymouth to America. You can find a set of RE lesson plans on the Pilgrim Fathers [here](#).

Home learning tech

With Edpuzzle you can [make a video into a lesson](#)

Remember to access the new Devon and Torbay [syllabus](#). Contact [Ed Pawson](#) for the password