



RE Newsletter

April 2018



Introduction From Shane Morton

Hello and welcome to the Summer Term 2018 from everyone in the education team at Church House. I would like to introduce myself to you as the newest member of the team with responsibility for managing Christian Distinctiveness, RE and Church School Inspections (SIAMS).

Before joining the education team here, I was an Executive Headteacher of two primary schools in West Sussex and I am looking forward to meeting old friends and new right across the Diocese. If I can support your school in any way then please do not hesitate to contact me at: shane.morton@chichester.anglican.org

RE Resource Boxes – free to Partnership Schools

Don't miss out on the opportunity to book our wonderful RE resource boxes. This is a free service for Partnership schools. For schools who have not paid their

Partnership Agreement there is a £50 hire charge.

There are over 50 boxes available for schools to borrow packed full of fabulous resources. Each box is aimed at a specific area of RE, including links to Understanding Christianity such as Creation, Incarnation and Salvation.

We are very grateful to Kelly Dillon for developing these excellent resources over the last few years and we would like all of our schools to have opportunities to make effective use of them. With that in mind, we will store some boxes permanently in the Eastern and Western Areas of the Diocese at Peasmarsh CE Primary School and at Chichester Cathedral. This will be in addition to the central store of boxes which will continue to be loaned out from Church House, Hove.

For more information about the contents of the boxes or how to borrow them please see our website or contact Kelly Dillon at:

kelly.dillon@chichester.anglican.org

RE Network Meetings

We are continuing to run our Primary RE network meetings across the Diocese. These network meetings are growing in popularity and we encourage **all** Primary RE Co-ordinators to attend. Network meetings are a great way to keep up to date with what is happening across the RE world, find out about RE materials and events, explore resources and lesson activities/ideas and share expertise.

Each term RE Network meetings are held in three venues in the Western, Central and Eastern Areas of the Diocese.

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Meetings for the Summer Term 2018 are as follows:

- Tuesday 17th April 2018 - Primary Network meeting for the Central Area – Bolney CE Primary School at 4.30pm.
- Tuesday 24th April 2018 – Primary Network meeting for the Western Area – St. Margaret's CE Primary School, Angmering at 4.30pm.
- Tuesday 1st May 2018 – Primary Network meeting for the Eastern Area – The St Leonards CEP Academy at 4.15pm.
- The Secondary RE Teachmeet is planned for Tuesday 26th June, venue in the Worthing area to be confirmed.

For more information please contact Kelly Dillon at:

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RE Leaders

We are compiling a master list of all of the RE leaders across the Diocese to facilitate good networking and sharing of best practice. I will send this out to every school as soon as possible and would be very grateful if you could let me know of any changes or updates as soon as possible. Thank you.

Diocesan Year of Prayer Competitions

The deadline for entries is 23rd May 2018 and the judging will take place on 25th May 2018 so that schools can be contacted after the half term break.

If you wish to know more about this please contact Michelle Perry at:

schools@chichester.anglican.org

Training

For more information about other training events and courses please refer to the Diocese of Chichester Annual Support Programme and poster. Information on booking for all these training courses is contained in the training booklet.

The RE team of the Education Department offers a number of bespoke services to schools to support your schools. We offer

- 1:1 RE Co-ordinator sessions to support you with planning, assessment, monitoring and evaluation of RE
- Co-ordinator support for SIAMS/Collective Worship
- Training sessions for staff and governing bodies on Christian Distinctiveness/ RE/ Collective Worship
- If you are interested in booking school based CPD please contact Yasmin Heasman to register your interest. Yasmin will register your request and put you in touch with an appropriate member of the Education Department.

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Useful RE Support and Resources

[NATRE](#) National Association of Teachers of RE

[Re-online](#) RE subject knowledge site

[True Tube](#) free video resources

RE Today



A recurrent question for teachers of RE to consider is: what do we want our pupils to understand about religion and beliefs? Reality or stereotypes? This term's RE Today magazine has a feature on Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan. She challenges us to see Muslims for who they really are, neither wholly good or bad, just human. She says don't focus simply on Muslim role-models, but "Love us when we are lazy, love us when we are poor, love us when we aren't athletes or baking cakes." Last year saw harrowing scenes as hundreds of thousands of (mainly Muslim) Rohingya refugees were driven from their homes in Myanmar. This questions culturally accepted myths that say Islam is dangerous and Buddhists are always pacifists. It also forces us to re-examine the pedestal on which we have placed Aung Sang Suu Kyi. How real is our RE? <https://www.retoday.org.uk>

RE Definitions



What word in religion and belief would you like to understand? RE Definitions is an app for RE teachers giving handy access to the pronunciation and meaning of more than 200 key terms. As an app on mobiles and tablets, and as a website on PCs, it's for non-specialists who want to understand the words and how to

pronounce them with confidence and for specialists wanting to brush up their knowledge. <https://re-definitions.org.uk>



Email your Pupils' RE Questions to a Believer

RE online offers a great facility to get direct access to a religious believer. You can [email your questions](#) to any or all of the team and ask them about their beliefs and how these affect the way they live. Simply click on the email address of the person you'd like to contact, introduce yourself with a few words about who you are and why you are writing, ask your question, and they'll get back to you as soon as they can.



Prayer Spaces

[Prayer Spaces in Schools](#) is a website that gives support in planning creative opportunities for prayer and reflection. In a practical sense this involves transforming a physical space (a classroom, library, meeting room etc.) so pupils can creatively explore faith and spirituality from a broadly Christian perspective.

RE Quality Mark



The [RE Quality Mark](#) has been developed to celebrate high quality religious education, providing all schools at primary and secondary level with a framework to capture good practice. You can use the REQM audit tool to help develop high quality RE in your school.

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A to Z of Religion & Beliefs



The BBC have made twenty six short films for 11–14s. These are new secondary RE programmes to address both a gap in current teacher resource provision and also to respond to teachers' feedback about the type of resources they need to deliver RE. The [secondary programmes](#) are an A to Z of world religions and belief, covering subjects as diverse as religious clothing, extremism, the distribution of wealth and more philosophical themes.

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.

Sources of Wisdom

[Sources of Wisdom](#) is a new website run by the Bible Society. It offers a range of resources for GCSE Religious Studies (Y9-11) which features a selection of Bible passages that have been chosen to compliment the Christianity components of the AQA, Edexcel, Eduqas and OCR specifications.



Religions of the World

Here are animated [film clips](#) of stories from different religions for 3-7 year olds.



Mind and Soul

[Mind and soul](#) explores Christianity and mental health, containing advice about mindfulness.

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Conference on Science, Technology and Faith



This [day conference](#) for lay and ordained church leaders and RE teachers will provide opportunities to hear from experts in the field of science and religion, to take part in workshops on bringing together science, technology and faith in the life of the Church, and to network with others in ministry, all in the beautiful surroundings of the campus of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford on 12th September 2018.

Walk Through The Bible

Bible Explorer educational programmes are taught to children in Year 5 and Year 6 using storytelling, drama and multi-media to get children excited about the most amazing book of all time.

<https://www.bible.org.uk>



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Thy Kingdom Come



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Thy Kingdom Come is a prayer initiative encouraging a wide variety and expression of prayer across every mission community and parish in the diocese and with other denominations. It will be taking place during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2PrayCoun...>

Books at Press



[Books at Press](#) offer an array of resources for teaching RE in primary schools. They are currently offering a big discount on their traditional Muslim story resources. These are fabulous for topics around caring for the natural world.

Share a Pencil Day

Join hundreds of schools and thousands of children across the UK in the next [Share a Pencil Day](#), organised by HOPE- Education for a brighter future. Wed 23rd May 2018 - the week following Yr 6 SATS exams



Christians In Education



The next [Christians in Education](#) event of 2018 will be on Thursday 3rd May from 16.30 to 18.00 at Bishop Hannington

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Church, Hove. Everyone is welcome and the topic for this meeting is:

“Embracing a New Start”

Diocesan Training Courses

Here are some of the current training courses for RE and Christian Distinctiveness:

- [Understanding Christianity Primary](#)
- [Becoming a Confident RE Teacher](#)
- [Worship that Works](#)
- [Secondary RE Teachmeet Network meetings](#)
- [A School in my Parish](#)
- [SIAMS - Effective Self Evaluation](#)

Don't forget the Primary RE Conference on Thursday 14th June 2018 at St Andrew's Church, Crawley!

Assessment of RE



The schools in the deanery of Arundel and Bognor have developed a useful document for assessing Understanding Christianity. We will be sharing this at our Primary RE Network meetings this term. If you have developed other ways of assessing RE in your local areas, I would be very appreciative if you could share them with me at the email address below:

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Well that's all for now. I hope that you have a wonderful Summer Term filled with sunshine and happiness.

