

RE NEWS

Spring 2020 EDITION

CPD and Resources

January 2020 is not only a new year, but a new decade. There are new CPD opportunities and lots of new resources. This edition contains many links to events and resources that teachers may find useful.



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RE Support

The diocese employs a dedicated RE Adviser who is available to visit schools to offer bespoke training, advice, support and resources. Check out the RE pages <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/schools/religious-education/> of the website for the Diocesan Scheme of Work for RE, support materials and links to teaching resources. There are sample policies and all the Locally Agreed Syllabuses can be accessed, along with the guidance material that supports them. If you want to book a session, either contact the Link Adviser for your school or email me directly on anne.andrews@oxford.anglican.org. Schools in the Service Level Agreement can usually use credits towards RE support; for other schools, payment may be required at standard diocesan rates.

Any comments, articles or suggestions for inclusion in future editions;
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Dates for your diary

Local RE Networks – CPD for teachers and subject leaders

The SIAMS schedule emphasises the need for CPD for all staff who teach RE. Diocesan training will contribute towards CPD records for staff who attend. These meetings are free of charge to enable all staff to attend, regardless of school budgets.

To book please email: anne.andrews@oxford.anglican.org unless indicated otherwise.

Date	Venue	Topic
21 January	Bucks South 4-5.30 pm The Chiltern Hills Academy, Chartridge Lane, Chesham, HP5 2RG	Intent in the RE Curriculum
22 January	Bracknell Forest 4.15 -5.30 pm St Michael's Easthampstead School, Crowthorne Road, Bracknell, RG12 7EH	Intent in the RE Curriculum
27 January	Oxford West 4-5.30 pm Bampton Primary School, Bowling Green Close Bampton, Oxfordshire OX18 2NJ	Intent in the RE Curriculum
28 January	West Berks Understanding Christianity 4-5.30 pm Englefield CE Primary School, The Street Englefield, Reading, Berkshire RG7 5ER	Support for schools using Understanding Christianity
29 January	Windsor and Maidenhead 4-5.30 pm Homer First School, Testwood Road, Windsor SL4 5RL	Intent in the RE Curriculum
26 February	Milton Keynes/Bucks North 4-5.30 pm Milton Keynes Synagogue, 1 Hainault Avenue, Giffard Park, Milton Keynes MK14 5PQ	Core concepts in Judaism
27 February	Oxford South 4-5.30 pm Checkendon Primary School, Checkendon, Reading, Berkshire RG8 0SR	Intent in the RE Curriculum
3 March	Bucks Central 4-5.30 pm Buckingham Park Primary School, Jubilee Square, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP19 9DZ	Intent in the RE Curriculum
5 March	Oxford Central 4-5.30 pm Church House Oxford, Langford Locks, Kidlington, Oxfordshire OX5 1GF	Intent in the RE Curriculum
10 March	Oxford North 4-5.30 pm Deddington CE Primary School, Earls Lane Deddington, Nr Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 0TJ	Intent in the RE Curriculum

Excellence in Schools Training Opportunities in RE

If you have a member of clergy connected with the school, tell them about this course:

Supporting Schools with *Understanding Christianity*

Friday 31 January 9.30 am – 3.30 pm

Church House Oxford, Langford Locks, Kidlington, OX5 1GF


Cost: £10 (+VAT)

This is a one-day course for clergy who are supporting schools in the teaching of Christianity.

Understanding Christianity is a widely used resource, published by RE Today and the Church of England Education Office. The material offers a coherent approach to the teaching of Christianity covering 8 key concepts within a biblical context. The main aim of the resource is to support teachers in delivering high-quality lessons, which promote biblical and religious literacy. It contains lesson suggestions for pupils from age 5 – 14 and is being used by schools across the diocese.

Booking here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/odbe-excellence-in-schools-supporting-schools-using-understanding-christianity-clergy-tickets-74959807803>

Wider Opportunities for CPD



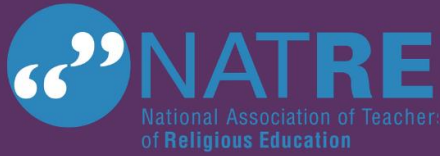
Interested in learning about Judaism?

We, at the Oxford Synagogue, are holding a seven week course covering topics such as Jewish belief, Jewish prayer, life cycle and Jewish learning

Monday evenings from 20th January 2020

For registration and further details contact
adult-education@ojc-online.org

Registration in advance essential



NATRE South Central presents

INSPIRING RE Conference



£50 per person, including lunch and refreshments

WILL BE £60 FROM FEB 2020

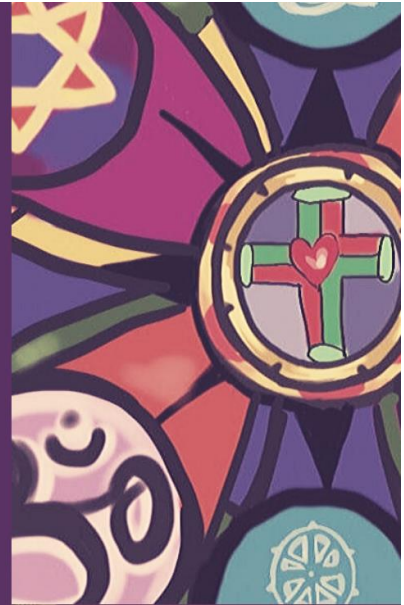
with guest speakers including Angela Hill from RE Today

- *Intent, implementation and impact
- *Effective and coherent curriculum design
- *Practical ideas for inspiring and motivating pupils
- *Cross phase- specific workshops for primary and secondary teachers

Join teachers across the South Central region as we explore RE curriculum conversations. Gain practical ideas on how to ensure your RE curriculum is coherent and creative (and Ofsted ready!)

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2020
9.30AM-3.15PM

**Milton Keynes Christian Centre,
Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes MK6 2TG**



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HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1

STAND TOGETHER

Inter-faith event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2020

27 January 2020



Programme

9.30 am - Meet at the **Oxford Jewish Centre**, 21, Richmond Road, Oxford OX1 2JL

9.45 am - 10.30 am - Synagogue Visit and Talk ('Oxford University and the Jewish community') by Sarah Montagu, Oxford Jewish Congregation.

10.30 am - 11.15 am - Walk to **Town Hall** along part of the Jewish Quarter trail.

11.15 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee in the Town Hall, the former home of David, a Jew who lived in Medieval Oxford. St Aldates used to be called Great Jewry Street. Visit the Oxford **Stand Up to Racism Exhibition**. The "Never Again" exhibition, helps to bring key HMD issues up to date, with recent and current prejudices and genocides.

12.00 pm - Inter-faith Service at Town Hall

12.55 pm - 1.40 pm - Simple buffet lunch at **Christ Church (McKenna Room)**

1.40 pm - 2.30 pm - Talk ('Suffer the little children... receiving children before and after the Holocaust') by Professor Paul Weindling, Oxford Brookes University.

2.30 pm - 3pm - Stand Together: Seminar Discussion on this year's HMD theme, chaired by Jackie Holderness, Christ Church Cathedral Education Department.

3.15 pm - 3.45 pm - A short, reflective meditation in the **Cathedral** with the Revd. Bede Gerrard.

3.45 pm - Depart

This event will use some of the excellent educational material provided by:

The Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) <http://www.ccj.org.uk/about-us/>

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust <https://www.hmd.org.uk/>

The Holocaust Education Trust (HET) <https://www.het.org.uk/>

Cost: £15 (£10 for Students)

To book, please contact:

education@chch.ox.ac.uk

Telephone: 01865-286003



Report on the Global Neighbours' Training Day

Led by Caz Weir, from Christian Aid, this training day in November was both thought provoking and inspirational.



Considering what we mean by “courageous advocacy”

This is clearly a significant term found in both the Church of England Vision for Education and the SIAMS Schedule. We therefore made good use of the time offered to discuss what this might mean to us individually and to our schools – an opportunity to think about the reasons many of us were drawn to work in the world of education originally. We were reminded of the Church of England’s vision to educate for human flourishing and therefore to support the development of pupils who:

- Learn to flourish and work for themselves and others
- Look beyond self to bless others and
- Help to build God’s kingdom

In looking for a definition of courageous advocacy, we were reminded of Proverbs 31: 8-9

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

We thought about a global citizen as someone who recognises that they are part of a world wide community where the needs of one impact on others and there is a shared sense of responsibility and worth. We also considered that to be a courageous advocate, we need to be informed. Looking back to the days of “Every Child Matters”, Caz recommended the Christian Aid document “Every Child of God Matters Everywhere”.

We took part in many activities throughout the day and perhaps one of the most challenging was looking for ways to respond to issues of injustice that were not simply about raising money. Looking for ways to raise awareness and tackle the causes of injustice need to be encouraged if we are to nurture real advocates for change in the children we work with.

The Global Neighbours’ handbook and links to ideas and resources are all available on the Christian Aid website. Schools can work toward bronze, silver and gold awards and the information is useful even if a school does not want to work toward the awards.

Other recommended reading included:

[Education for Global Citizenship – a guide for schools.](#)

My Name is Not Refugee by Kate Milner

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf

Report by Ruth Bennie, School Link Adviser

Resources for RE

For the primary school

4Front Theatre

4Front Theatre - a touring Christian Theatre company, has recently received accreditation as a recommended resource of the **Understanding Christianity RE resource** and will have a limited number of grants available for schools.



The Fisherman's Tail is a 1 hour long production for the whole school exploring the life and miracles of Jesus from the Fishermen disciples' perspective. It's a high energy musical, with plenty of audience interaction! Described by Primary Times as 'Like CBBC's Horrible Histories' (Primary Times Children's Choice Award Review 2018). There are follow up worksheets (different for KS1 & KS2) so the children can reflect and learn from the production.

Synopsis

For the fishermen who sail on her, the sea of Galilee provides plenty of fish and stories! Local fishermen, Simon, Andrew, James and John have got a tale to beat them all; it involves a fishing competition wherein a strange man appears and blows everyone's efforts out of the water.

With a host of hearty songs and interactive story-telling, Fisherman's Tail is an enriching and exciting way of exploring the RE syllabus; a show not to be missed!

Cost

HALF PRICE

Thanks to grant funding we are pleased to be able to offer this production half price to 10 schools! Instead of the usual £400 - the show will be just **£200 including travel!**

As the number of half price places is limited please get in touch as soon as you can to reserve a performance.

Contact

info@4front-theatre.com

Dates

There are morning and afternoon slots available on the following dates:

Mon 16 March (PM only)

Tues 17 March

Weds 18 March

Thurs 19 March

Fri 20 March

The Prince of Egypt – a new musical



Date: Wednesday 5 February until Saturday 12 September 2020.

Location: London

A retelling of the Book of Exodus, described as an inspiring account of pride, courage, belief, hope, leadership, character, resilience, hierarchy, a hero's journey and the inestimable power of the individual.

Relevant for teaching RE as well as whole-school PSHE programmes of study and for supporting SMSC development and Primary Relationships Education. [Find out more.](#)

Picturing Islam, Picturing Muslims

The much-anticipated sequel to Picturing Christianity will be launching at Strictly RE.

Explore the wonders of this religion through visual learning

A collection of outstanding images and artworks used to introduce key concepts for understanding Islamic theology.

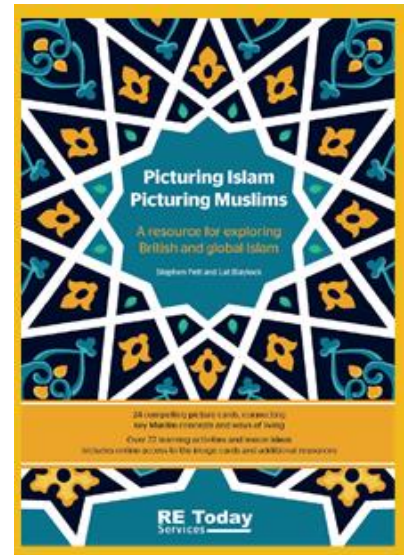
24 pictures cards which energise student's creativity, promote enquiry, engagement and challenge pupils.

Suitable for both primary and secondary, this resource provides great lesson ideas and includes a teaching handbook.

Available to pre-order now!

Original price: £45 NATRE members pay just £40.50

Email: sales@retoday to pre-order your copy



Primary School Resources from the Inter Faith Network

The Inter Faith Network (IFN) for the UK has published a resource for primary schools to help pupils learn about inter faith activity. The resource has a teacher introduction and four units to help pupils explore the diversity of inter faith activity. Aimed at upper Key Stage 2 (ages 9 – 11 year old), it hyperlinks to a range of organisations and ongoing projects. Units cover the topics of diversity, why inter faith activity is important, dialogue, social action, and sport. The resource benefited from input of RE Council contacts and material from IFN member bodies more widely as well as piloting with some primary schools with the help of Learn Teach Lead RE Hubs Area 1 and NASACRE.

Because of the different educational frameworks, the resource is England focused. IFN is in conversation with national inter bodies of the other nations about the possibility of tailored versions.

The resource can be found at:

<https://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/learning-about-inter-faith-activity-a-primary-resource>



Springs Dance Company Easter Project

The Springs Easter Project leads pupils through a series of dance workshops that help them engage with the Easter story.

Children will learn and create movement in response to the story. There is opportunity for spiritual development and the children will use their imaginations and creativity, growing empathy, self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence. The workshops also link Jesus' relationship with his disciples to the Christian teaching of Jesus' presence today.



The workshops can culminate in an informal sharing or performance of the Easter story by the pupils, which can be shown to the school and parents.

Many schools choose to use the company one day a week leading up to Easter. Some schools prefer to fit the workshops into an intensive week or another format.

Please call us to discuss the best option for your school.

To book for 2020 or for a friendly chat about our work, please call us on 07876 752 910 or email: touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk

For the secondary school

From the Gates of Auschwitz: Countering Hate through Education



A live stream from Auschwitz will be broadcast across the world in April, to be viewed in schools, colleges and universities all around the world.

Designed to give viewers a real sense of being at the site and hearing from an eloquent survivor who will tell their story like no one else can.

Presented by The Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience at Rutgers University in partnership with The International March of the Living

Date: 20 April at 5pm Poland time.

Find out more by following this link:

<https://motl.org/from-the-gates-of-auschwitz-countering-hate-through-education/>

Research Opportunity

Farmington Scholarships

**Deadline approaching:
26 January 2020**

Academic year 2020-21



The Institute awards scholarships to UK teachers of Religious Education in schools and head teachers, publishes discussion papers and arranges conferences. This is an opportunity to undertake an area of research relevant to the classroom. For more information and application details, follow this link: <http://www.farmington.ac.uk/index.php/farmington-scholarships/>

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Applications are now open to UK secondary and primary school teachers, teachers of RE to children with Special Educational Needs, and head teachers

The Lambeth Conference



The Lambeth Conference is a gathering of all active Bishops of member churches of the Anglican Communion. It takes place approximately every ten years at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury and enables senior Anglican leaders to meet, pray together, discuss common concerns and, in prayer, to seek a common mind. The Lambeth Conference 2020 runs from the 23 July until the 2 August.

It is a hugely significant event in the life of the Anglican Church. It brings together all active Bishops and their spouses from across the worldwide Anglican Communion – that's more than 165 countries. The aim is to seek God's direction for the future of the Anglican/Episcopalian Church for the decades ahead. Every diocese in the country will be hosting visiting bishops from around the world.

More information should be available soon about how schools can get involved with Bishops visiting the Oxford Diocese, and this is an excellent opportunity for schools to engage with the Anglican Church worldwide. There is a website, <https://www.lambethconference.org/> with further information that will be updated regularly.

Look out for emails from the diocese with additional, local information.