

RE newsletter for schools in Devon and Torbay and Exeter Diocese

March 2019

Welcome to the March
2019 RE newsletter

Devon and Torbay: new RE Agreed Syllabus for community and Church schools

RE Today
Services

Devon, Torbay and Plymouth SACREs are adopting a high quality RE syllabus written by RE Today. This will come free into every school and academy for Sept 2019. The syllabus will be launched at special conferences events:

- Mon 3rd June: Belmont Chapel, Exeter
- Tues 4th June: Broomhill, Barnstaple
- Wed 5th June: Buckfast Abbey

Speakers: Fiona Moss and Stephen Pett (authors of the syllabus and Understanding Christianity resources)

Cost: £110 per delegate (£60 per extra delegate from same school)

Booking opens this week. Devon schools:

www.babcock-education.co.uk/ldp/cpd

Torbay schools: contact

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For RE support, please contact Ed Pawson at

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Church school contact: Tatiana Wilson at

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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 details

East Devon hub, Woodbury Primary school, 4.30pm Wed 13th Mar

Exeter hub, St Peter's High School 4.15pm Thurs 28th Feb

North Devon hub, Boston Tea Party, Barnstaple TBA

Plymouth hub, St Matthew's School 4pm Thurs 7th March

South Devon hub, Wolborough School, Newton Abbot 4.15pm Thur 14th Mar

Torbay hub, Wolborough School, Newton Abbot 4.15pm Thur 14th Mar

Exeter Diocese courses

Understanding Christianity Thurs 28th Mar, St Matthew's, Plymouth. For further details [contact](#)

Plymouth RE conference

9.00am Wed 27th March [details](#)

New RE Agreed Syllabus launch for

Devon and Torbay schools: Mon 3rd, Tues 4th and Wed 5th June.

Free resources for FS/KS1



Exploring Why and **Exploring our world** are two great RE resources for FS and KS1; [free to download](#). They are designed so that the learner can discover the meanings, rituals and history of varying symbols and practices associated with different faiths and relate them to what they observe in everyday life.

NATRE secondary RE teachers survey



Please complete the [NATRE Secondary RE Teachers survey](#). Stats from these surveys are invaluable in the work we do with DfE and Ofsted in support of good RE. Deadline: 12th April.

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

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

Real Easter Eggs



[The Real Easter Egg](#): the only one which comes with an Easter story book, is made of Fairtrade choc and supports charitable projects.

Useful video resources



KS2: In the first of three films telling the Easter story, we see the events of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and Jesus' arrest.

<https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/last-supper-2014>

Secondary: In the first of three dramatised extracts from Luke's Gospel that tell the Easter story, we see the events leading up to Jesus' arrest - from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the Last Supper

<https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/gospel-luke-last-supper>

[True Tube](#) for free video resources

Better Primary RE



Do you know any neighbouring schools who need help with their RE? NATRE has devised a new project to help schools that recognise the need to improve their RE provision. The invitation-only project will enable 1,000 primary schools to offer 'Better RE', which means RE for thinking, creativity, standards and challenge. If you have any schools in your local area that would benefit, please [email](#)

A to Z of Religion & Beliefs



26 short films for 11–14s: The BBC have made 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.

SIAMS Hubs are free to access twilight sessions (4-6pm) open to anyone involved in the SIAMS process: SLT, teachers, governors, Ethos teams etc. Spring Term 2019 dates at the following locations. Spring Term topic: Courageous Advocacy, with plenty of time for Q and A. Please book-in through [Fran Bradley](#).

Philosophy 4 Children



The Philosophy Man is an excellent source of resources for P4C. They work with schools to develop confident, independent thinkers through [Philosophy for Children](#).

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.

Pupil voice in RE

Would you like to bring some pupils to a Devon or Torbay SACRE meeting in June to talk about good RE? Contact [Ed Pawson](#) to discuss if interested.

Assessment in RE



A brand new [guide to assessment in RE](#), providing an overview of post-levels assessment practice, and outlining different approaches used in primary and secondary schools. This title is practical and close to the classroom reality for busy teachers, and is an essential reference point for all existing subject leaders, as well as those preparing to become teachers of RE.

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.

RE in Church schools



A new [RE statement of entitlement](#) for CofE schools has just been published, in response to the report from the [RE Commission](#).

SIAMS Hubs for CofE Schools

Date (4.00-6.00pm)	Venues for SIAMS Hubs
Thurs 14 th Mar	Plympton St Mary's Infants
Thurs 21 st Mar	Ashleigh Pr School, Barnstaple

Launching the new RE Agreed Syllabus for Devon and Torbay schools and academies

A full day of high quality RE inset with the authors of the syllabus, for primary and secondary teachers of RE

There will be 3 opportunities to access these RE Agreed Syllabus launch conferences (9:30am - 3:30pm)

Belmont Chapel, Exeter EX1 2DB

- Mon 3rd June

Broomhill Art Hotel, Barnstaple EX31 4EX

- Tues 4th June

Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh TQ11 0EG

- Wed 5th June

Keynote Speakers

- **Fiona Moss** RE Today consultant (primary)
- **Stephen Pett** RE Today consultant (secondary)

Conference facilitators

Jeremy Roberts, Ed Pawson and Tatty Wilson
representing SACRE and Exeter Diocese

Cost

£110 (+ vat) per delegate

£60 (+ vat) additional delegates from same school

How to book

(booking opens week beginning Mon 4th Mar)

Devon schools: www.babcock-education.co.uk/ldp/cpd

Torbay schools: contact susan.moses@torbay.gov.uk



"Teachers really like the new RE Today syllabus. They comment on the detail in the schemes of work, the help with planning, guidance on assessment and all the other guidance documents that are helpful for SLT and subject leaders."

Deborah Weston, SACRE Adviser in London

Contact efpawson@gmail.com for more info

The new syllabus is being made available to all schools and academies without charge

Launching the new RE syllabus for Devon and Torbay schools



The New Syllabus has been chosen after extensive consultation with teachers and school leaders (primary and secondary). It will offer valuable support to those new to the subject and provide suitable stretch for those who are more experienced. Its pedagogical approach, accessible resources and detailed subject knowledge will make a significant impact on raising the quality of RE in our schools.

This syllabus will be a statutory requirement for maintained schools and is recommended for academies. The Diocese of Exeter recommends it for all Church schools and it is fully compatible with *Understanding Christianity* and the *RE Statement of Entitlement* for CofE schools.

It comes with a full curriculum plan, guidance on assessment and detailed support materials including medium-term planning.

Reasons to attend

- To inform schools about how to use the new syllabus as a planning tool, exploring sample teaching units, supportive resources and assessment practice
- To engage with up-to-date ideas led by RE Today consultants who have a national reputation for high quality RE CPD
- To gain fresh insights, strategies and subject knowledge to take away and implement in your own school setting
- To support subject leaders in understanding how best to monitor standards in RE

Resources available

- **A hard copy of the whole syllabus:** collect this at one of the launch events or contact [Ed Pawson](#) to make other arrangements
- **Access to the new syllabus in electronic format:** details to be given at the launch events and circulated to schools
- **Additional, detailed schemes of work:** available at a discounted rate at the launch event (eg ~£150 for complete primary school pack) or from [RE Today](#)

Who should attend

Teachers of RE, RE Subject Leaders, RE HoDs, Headteachers, School Leaders (separate sessions for primary and secondary teachers)

Devon and Torbay RE Agreed Syllabus launch conference

Programme for the day

Course information:	Assets:
Welcome 9.30-11.00 Introducing the new Devon and Torbay Agreed Syllabus for RE This session will consider the place and value of RE for pupils, highlighting the developments and opportunities in the new syllabus. It will explore how to use the syllabus to plan and teach engaging, thoughtful RE. 11.30-1.00 Excellent teaching and learning This session will offer examples of excellent teaching and learning ideas, based on the syllabus, with a focus on inspiring learning. 2.00-3.30 Teaching and learning, achievement and assessment This session will explore more teaching and learning ideas, connecting them with methods of assessment, providing examples of ways to enable pupils to make good progress in RE. Split groups for primary and secondary teachers. Evaluation and thanks Close at 3.30pm	Those attending the day will receive: ▪ A hard copy folder of the new RE syllabus ▪ Additional support materials and access to these online, including all materials used in the day ▪ RE network opportunities There will be the opportunity to order a supporting scheme of work, and to browse and purchase RE Today resources (to buy and take away, with invoices going to your school after the event).

Fiona Moss taught in a large multi-cultural primary school in Leicester and was a local Authority RE adviser and primary adviser. She joined RE Today in 2009 and now writes and edits for RE Today publications, including the primary series *Opening Up RE* and *Inspiring RE*. She supports Leicester Diocese and several local authorities, and trains teachers across the country. She is the Executive Officer of the National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE).



Stephen Pett has been an adviser with RE Today since 2008. For fourteen years before that he was an RE subject leader in Gloucestershire and an advanced skills teacher for seven years. He has worked with a number of SACREs on developing agreed syllabuses; he writes and edits for RE Today publications and led the development of the 2016 resource, *Understanding Christianity*.



Please note this launch is a once in five years event for RE: schools are strongly advised to book early.