

RE newsletter

Welcome to Spring!

With the spring weather upon us, as we start to feel a bit more warmth in the sun, we can see the buds appearing and the landscape coming back into colour. These themes of new life can be found in many [religious festivals](#) and [celebrations](#) at this time of year.

The 40 acts approach to Lent, which focusses more on generosity than austerity, is a useful [resource](#). Sat 2nd April marks the start of Ramadan this year. Islamic festivals differ from many religious events, because the Muslim calendar follows the lunar, rather than the solar cycle. It has 354 days, meaning it is 11 days shorter than the Western (Gregorian) year, resulting in festivals moving earlier each year. So, Muslim festivals are not seasonally related.

Teaching about Islam

NATRE [Islam bundle](#) offers materials to teach about Islam with confidence using tailored cross-phase resources, packed with high-quality, tried and tested practical ideas and activities for the classroom. The resources include essential background knowledge for the primary/ secondary teacher.

IslamREsources.co.uk provide teaching and learning [resources](#) and subject support videos to develop subject knowledge and teach Islam with confidence.

Teaching about Christianity

If you want to find out more about the Understanding Christianity units, which fully support the teaching of Christianity, contact [here](#). Understanding Christianity accredited [resources](#) Walk through the [Bible](#) Christian Aid Lent and Easter [resources](#)

Courses from Babcock/LDP

Time	Date	Details	Cost
9.30-3.30pm	8 th June	Leading RE in the primary school (Exminster) details	£125
9.30-3.30pm	16 th June	High quality secondary RE (Exminster) details	£125

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For RE support, please contact Ed Pawson at efpawson@gmail.com or ed.pawson@exeter.anglican.org
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Learn Teach Lead RE (LTLRE)

Most hub meetings are still being hosted online, 4-5.15pm. Meetings are free and open to all teachers of RE, primary and secondary. See [website](#) for full details.

Plymouth hub

Thurs 24th Mar [Learning in RE](#)

North Devon hub

23rd June [Boston Tea Party](#), Barnstaple

Spirited Arts 2022

Find out about NATRE [spirited arts](#) competition 2022

RE books for Early Years

The [Belonging and Believing](#) books help EYFS pupils understand diversity of religion and worldviews.

Courses from Exeter Diocese

 Booking [here](#)

Time	Date	Details	Cost
9.30-3pm	27 th May	Leading RE in the CofE primary school (Exeter)	£90
1.30-4pm	16 th Jun	Spiritual development (online)	£30
4.-5.30pm	21 st Jun	Diversifying the curriculum- equality and unconscious bias (online)	£30

SIAMS hubs for CofE schools

SIAMS hub meetings (4-5.15pm online) will be looking at high quality RE and collective worship. Booking [here](#) (don't worry if you can't attend the one in your area).

Wed 27 th Apr	Exeter and East Devon
Thurs 28 th Apr	Plymouth and West Devon
Tues 3 rd May	North Devon
Wed 4 th May	Torbay and South Devon