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Vision

'To enrich the curriculum with spiritual wisdom from 'lived experiences' of Christianity. To see churches and schools working together to enlarge student's vision of the world and one another.'

Project Leader
East Devon Hub Leader
Schools Facilitator

Rev. Hazel Britton, Associate Minister St Disen's Church, Bradninch, in Devon (SSOM) since 2022.

Former teacher of 32 years in secondary education (mainly in middle management). Head of RE 2006 - 2016 and 14 Years teaching RE at St Peter's C of E Aided School Exeter, where I developed a range of RE enrichment experiences for all students in all major world religions and nonreligious views.

After retiring from teaching in 2021, I was ordained as a self supporting part-time Anglican Deacon in 2022, and Priest in 2023. I am involved in all kinds of church and parish ministry, including 5 years as YMCA chaplain and lead a range of Christianity based activities eg 16 RE lessons a year, visits to church, Open The Book assemblies and an after school club at Duchy Primary School Bradninch.

I am currently pioneering and facilitating community - integrated approach to Religious Education, Personal Social Health Education and Sex and Relationships Education at Cullompton Community College, Queen Elizabeth School Crediton and Uffculme Schools.

The case studies here are a sample of what CREEDS is already offering to schools, with much more to follow!

CREEDS is aiming to make this possible across Devon and beyond with Learn Teach Lead RE South West, Exeter Diocese, Churches together in Devon, Exeter ICE Trust and more.

What we can offer - Learn Teach Read RE South West and Devon's Secondary Heads of RE

- Provision of 'RE Hubs speaker trained' https://www.re-hubs.uk/about/re-hubs-kitemark-training/ church leaders, Charity representatives, chaplains, and individuals from all walks of life and areas of the community to enrich your RE provision throughout school with 'lived experiences' of faith.
- Enrichment in RE lessons might look like: short presentations on a topic with Q and A, just Q and A, church crawls and visits, interactive lessons on a particular topic, stories of individual Christian's journey into faith, a panel including different denominational and or theological views on a topic followed by Q and A.
- At Key Stage 3 Christianity based topics eg Jesus, the Christian Church, the Bible, social justice, inspirational people, philosophy, Big Questions.
- At Key Stage 4 GCSE RS Christian beliefs, teachings and practices, Christianity and Relationships, Life, Existence of God and Revelation, Peace and Conflict, Crime and punishment and Human Rights and Social Justice.
- This can all be achieved by providing you with a facilitator who is appointed and trained, with appropriate experience and expertise, from a church near your school to provide heads of RE with contacts of speakers from the catchment area of your school or nearby and helping organise and coordinate enrichment for you.
- Lots of cross curricular links are supported by Christianity based RE enrichment including: Spiritual Moral Social Cultural Development, Citizenship, PSHE, Careers Education, and Community Links.

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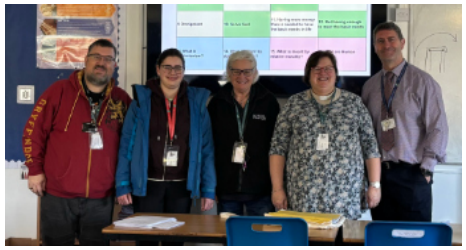
Faith and Ethics Forum

Year 10 RE students had a fantastic enrichment session on Friday with faith and community leaders. The panel shared a range of different worldviews on the ethical topics we have been learning about in their RE lessons. Students listened respectfully and will have time in their lessons to reflect further. This was a fantastic forum for students to learn about different perspectives for their relationships and families topics. The rest of Year 10 will have the same opportunity in July.

#BeQE
#FaithAndEthicsForum
#Community

Year 10 RE had a panel on Relationships and Families with a range of theological and denominational views including Revd Prebendary Matthew Tregenza from Crediton Parish Church, Rev Scott Angel from Honiton Mission Community, Canon Chancellor Kristian Pavors and Catholic Priest of Tiverton and Cullompton, a 'Living Out' story www.livingout.org , Rev Hazel Britton St Disen's Church Bradninch and Ellie Johnstone, Pioneer Minister from Colebrooke C of E Church. Rosie Lee, Head of RE initiated this brilliantly!

Cullompton Community College



A Team visiting a Year 8 RE Lesson with the title 'Why did Jesus have to die? We used drama role play from 'Understanding Christianity,' a Bible Project Clip 'Sacrifice and Atonement,' it included relevant key words and scripture texts and stories of individuals journey to faith. From left to right: Darren, children's, youth and family Pastor at St Andrews Church Cullompton, Noa a South West Youth Ministries trainee, School Pastor Marilyn from Cullompton Baptist Church, me from St Disen's Church Bradninch and Dan Piper the brilliant Head of RE.

St Peter's C of E Aided School Exeter

Part of the team for Year 7 RE Lessons Big Questions, with visitors answering questions from students throughout the lessons and Year 9 Christian Practices where speakers are invited to give a short, interactive presentation of church practices so clips, photos, artefacts help and then take questions from students. Each Year 7 class has two consecutive lessons, each with a different speaker and each Year 9 class has 4 consecutive lessons with a range of different speakers. From the left Karriad Shawcross, RE teacher (now Head of RE at Lipson Academy Plymouth), Jon Hancock Youth Team Leader Belmont Chapel Exeter, Maria Kapodistria RE teacher, Rev Hazel Britton Associate Vicar at St Disen's Church Bradninch, Jason Ham leader at Rediscover Elim Pentecostal Church Exeter and Kelly Keatley Head of RE and all round RE VIP!

Cullompton Community College

'Christian Perspectives and Responses to Abortion.'

With Year 11 RE/Non Exam and GCSE RS and PSHE and SRE with contributions from Caroline White manager of Choices Pregnancy Centre which offers support with unplanned pregnancy, baby loss and post abortion stress.

Also, retired senior nurse Ally Harris from Hebron Evangelical Church Cullompton was interviewed. This was very helpful and impactful to all.

Endorsements

Ed Pawson, RE Adviser to Devon, Torbay, Plymouth and S Glos SACREs, RE Hubs lead (SW) LTLRE (SW) Programme Lead, Religious Education Council board member.

"Hazel is an experienced secondary RE teacher and a passionate educator. She has a gift of being able to bring together diverse speakers from across the denominational landscape to widen and deepen pupils' understanding of Christianity in today's society."

Phil Randall, Head Teacher St Peter's C of E Aided School Exeter.

"Thank you, Hazel, for your kindness and passion, for sharing a love and relevance of how religious education is so important for young people to access and gain an understanding of views and approaches to life so they can contribute to society in constructive, wise and compassionate ways. Your leadership of community partnerships with a wide and enriching range of religious leaders made an important contribution to St. Peter's top grade "Excellent" SIAMS in 2019. The C of E is fortunate to have you."

Bishop Moira, Bishop of Crediton

"I'm glad that Hazel is able to bring her years of experience in Religious Education to help schools enrich the experience of their students. In particular nothing can beat the experience of hearing about faith from those for whom this is a vital part of their lives."

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