

RE Autumn Bulletin 2019



COVENTRY SACRE

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education



Warwickshire SACRE

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Key Dates for RE Festivals Autumn 2019

Religious Tradition/Worldview	Key Dates
Baha'i	29 th October The Birth of the Bab 30 th October The Birth of Baha'u'llah (200 th Anniversary)
Buddhism	14 th October Pavarana Day (some uncertainty about the date) 12 th November Anapanasati Day (some uncertainty about the date) 12 th November Loy Kratong 8 th December Bodhi Day
Christianity	September/October Harvest Festival [dates vary] 1 st November All Saints' Day 2 nd November All Souls' Day 1 st December Advent Sunday 8/9 th December Immaculate Conception [RC] 24 th December Christmas Eve 25 th December Christmas Day
Hinduism	2 nd September Ganesh Chaturthi 29 th September - 7 th October Navaratri 2 nd October Gandhi Jayanti 3 rd /4 th - 8 th October Durga Puja 7 th /8 th October Dassehra 27 th -31 st October Divali / Deepavali
Islam	1 st September Al-Hijra [622CE] [1441 AH] 10 th September Ashura 10 th November Sunni/ 15 th November Shi'a Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad [Milad un Nabi]
Judaism*	30 th September - 1 st October Rosh Hashanah 9 th October Yom Kippur 14 th -21 st October Sukkot 22 nd October Simchat Torah 23 rd -30 th December Hanukah
Sikhism	1 st September Installation of the Guru Granth Sahib in the Harmandir Sahib in Amritsar 20 th October Conferring of Guruship on the Guru Granth Sahib in 1708 CE 27 th -31 st October Divali /Bandi Chhor Divas 12 th November Birthday of Guru Nanak 24 th November Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur
Other	29 th September Michaelmas 10 th November Remembrance Sunday 10 th -17 th November Interfaith Week 30 th November St Andrew's Day 10 th December Human Rights Day

*All Jewish festivals begin the night before at sundown



SACRE Website

Please remember the Warwickshire SACRE site is the place where both Coventry and Warwickshire schools can access the Coventry and Warwickshire Agreed Syllabus and additional units of work:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sacresources>

You will also find the following resources on this website:

- SACRE Suggested List of RE Visitors and Places of Worship for RE Visits
- RE and Climate Change Resources for running a project in school with a debate included (in conjunction with Rugby Inter Faith Forum)
- Previous RE Bulletins
- Previous RE Subject Leader Twilight materials (Autumn 2018: Peace and Remembrance; Spring 2019: RE and Assessment; Summer 2019: RE and the Arts)
- New to RE Subject Leadership CPD materials (with Ofsted Framework considerations 2019)
- Any new materials as they are produced and materials for any sessions we hold in 2019-2020 (including a 'RE Curriculum' presentation coming soon)



RE Subject Leader Twilight

Thursday 19th September 2019 4.30-6.00pm @ at Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington Spa.

Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 7RT

The theme for this session will be Subject Leader Action Planning and the new Ofsted Inspection Framework

To book a place email: sacre@warwickshire.gov.uk

We are running additional subject leader sessions in 2019-20 to help you develop your RE Curriculum and your RE subject knowledge, in line with the expectations outlined in the new Ofsted Framework (see below):



SACRE RE Subject Leader

Twilight Sessions in 2019-2020

Date	Venue	Theme
Thursday 19th September 2019 4.30-6.00pm	Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 7RT (parking on-site)	RE Subject Leader Twilight: Action Planning (linked with Ofsted Framework 2019) Primary & Secondary
Thursday 10th October 2019 4.30-6.00pm	Committee Room 2, Coventry Council House (Parking available on request)	RE Curriculum Session: Building an RE Curriculum (linked with Ofsted Framework 2019; what is curriculum & developing your RE curriculum) Primary & Secondary
Thursday 23rd January 2020 4.30-6.00pm	Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 7RT (parking on-site)	RE Curriculum Session: Philosophy & Ethics in RE Primary & Secondary (split session with Alice Thomas from Southam College)
Thursday 13th February 2020 4.30-6.00pm	Room: M1.3 Friargate (next to Coventry Railway Station, parking available in Central Six for 2 hours)	RE Curriculum Session: 'Theologies of Reading': approaches to sacred texts and using reading in RE Primary & Secondary
Tuesday 9th June 2020 (N.B. different to our usual Thursday slot!) 4.30-6.00pm	Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 7RT (parking on-site)	RE Subject Leader Twilight: Teaching Non-Religious World Views Primary Only

To book on to the September session please email

sacre@warwickshire.gov.uk

All sessions following that will be bookable online and a link will be sent out via Heads Up (Warwickshire) and the Friday Schools Mailing (Coventry)



SACRE RE Subject Knowledge Enhancement Programme 2019-2020 (Westhill Grant Funded)



This is what the latest Ofsted Inspection Handbook has to say about subject knowledge:

181. Teachers have expert knowledge of the subjects that they teach. If they do not, they are supported to address gaps in their knowledge so that pupils are not disadvantaged by ineffective teaching.

187. Discussions with subject specialists and leaders about the content and pedagogical content knowledge of teachers, and what is done to support them

Implementation

From 'Good' Descriptor for Quality of education:

- Teachers have good knowledge of the subject(s) and courses they teach. Leaders provide effective support for those teaching outside their main areas of expertise.
- Teachers present subject matter clearly, promoting appropriate discussion about the subject matter being taught. They check pupils' understanding systematically, identify misconceptions accurately and provide clear, direct feedback. In so doing, they respond and adapt their teaching as necessary without unnecessarily elaborate or individualised approaches.

When we ask RE Subject Leaders on our twilight evaluation forms which aspects of RE Subject Knowledge we can best help you with, we have received responses like:

Anything!

All of it!

Therefore, Warwickshire SACRE made a successful bid to the Westhill Grant Fund to put on RE Subject Knowledge Sessions in places of worship in 2019-2020 FOR ALL COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE RE LEADERS. The programme is as follows:

Venue	Date	Religious Tradition*
Guru Nanak Parkash Gurdwara (Coventry)	Thursday 7th November 2019 4.00-6.00pm	Sikhism
Nuneaton Masjid	Thursday 5th March 2020 4.00-6.00pm	Islam
Birmingham Progressive Synagogue	Tuesday 16th June 2020 5.00-7.00pm (to allow for travel)	Judaism

*Sessions in 2020-2021, following a successful bid by Coventry SACRE, will cover: Hinduism, Humanism, Christianity and Buddhism.

Format of the RE Subject Knowledge Sessions:

- Each session to be held in a place of worship
- Tour of place of worship with key features and links to practices pointed out
- Talk by relevant SACRE member to give a basic overview of the faith
- Q&A session (we will try to anticipate some of the questions that might be asked)
- Filming by a professional filmographer so that the tour and Q&A can be used back in school for staff meetings and CPD (as 2 x 20 minute film clips)
- 'Road Map' suggesting approaches and resources to be used back in school for teaching that tradition/worldview
- Certificates of Attendance for RE Subject Leadership file as evidence you have been intentional about developing your subject knowledge

These sessions are free and will provide you with good RE subject knowledge.

To book onto this programme you will need to follow the online booking link in Heads Up (Warwickshire)/Friday Schools Mailing (Coventry) in Autumn Term. Keep an eye out!

DO NOT MISS

Diocesan Board of Education Offer for RE Leads

In 2019-2020 SACRE and DBE RE Subject Leader Sessions will trial running these on the same day, so you only need to come out of school once.

The DBE are making their CPD sessions **available to all schools**, not just CE schools, as a further way of spreading CPD locally. These sessions run at a cost of **£25** for non-church schools. There will likely be an element of church school distinctiveness to these sessions but they will also provide valuable CPD on a range of subjects. **YOU MUST BOOK ON TO THIS SESSION AND THE SACRE SESSION SEPARATELY.**

RE and Church School Development Meetings

Cost: *free place for DSA subscribers*

Venue: *to be advised on booking*

Dates: *Thursday 19 September 2019, 1.30pm to 4.00pm*

Thursday 23 January 2020, 1.30pm to 4.00pm

Tuesday 09 June 2020, 1.30pm to 4.00pm



Run by Fiona Moss of RE Today

These termly events provide an opportunity for RE Leaders and those responsible for Church School Distinctiveness to meet together. Delegates will receive local and national updates, share good practice and resources. As well as RE, these sessions will also cover elements of SMSC including collective worship. It is a wonderful opportunity to network with other professionals and to be inspired in your practice.

To book a place contact: CoventryDBE@CovCofE.org or call 01788 422800

Diocesan Board of Education, Craven Road, Rugby CV21 3JZ www.dioceseofcoventry.org/dbe

Fiona intends to run sessions based on the following:

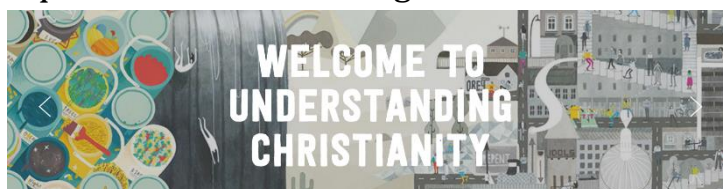
Autumn Term Session: RE, OFSTED and SIAMS- preparing, planning and showing how you meet the needs of your pupils

Spring Term Session: Teaching about Hinduism

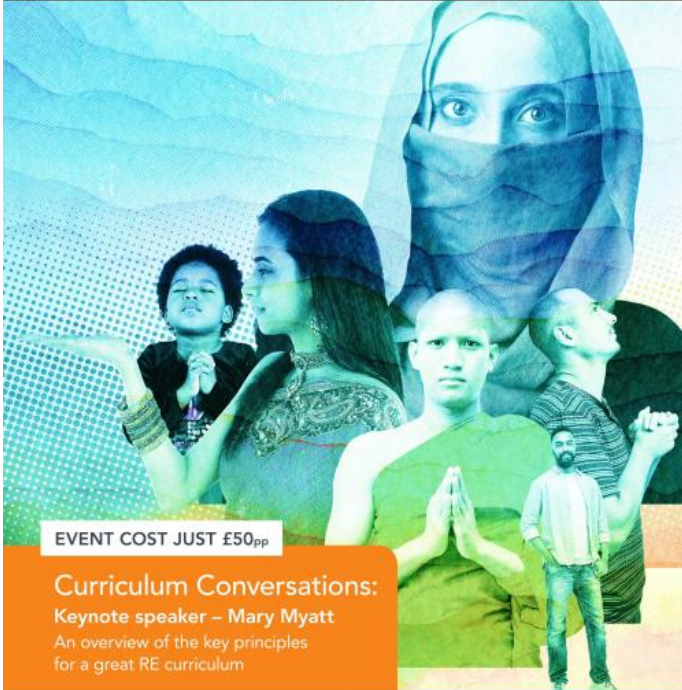
Summer Term Session: Assessment, Moderation and pupil progress

If you are a community school interested in the excellent *Understanding Christianity* resource to support your RE curriculum, please email CoventryDBE@CovCofE.org at the DBE to enquire about UC Training in 2019-2020.

<http://www.understandingchristianity.org.uk/>



Local NATRE RE Conference Featuring Mary Myatt as Key Note Speaker



EVENT COST JUST £50_{pp}

Curriculum Conversations:
Keynote speaker – Mary Myatt
An overview of the key principles for a great RE curriculum

Venue: St. Matthew's CofE Primary School, Birmingham, B7 4JR | Tuesday Nov 19th

Essential information for Headteachers and RE teachers #PrimaryRE

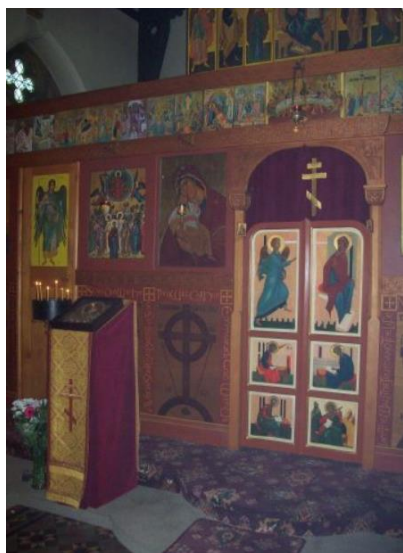
- Practical ideas on how to make your RE curriculum more creative and coherent with Mary Myatt.
- Improve your subject knowledge through asking questions to faith leaders who have experience of primary RE.
- Workshops led by teachers on how RE can be taught through literature, art, drama and spirituality.

Presented by **St Matthew's C.E. Primary School**

Supported by **NATRE**, **CULHAM ST GABRIEL'S**, and **SACRE**

BOOK ONLINE TODAY via <http://www.st-matthews.bham.sch.uk/nle.html>
or Scan and Email to: SMTS@st-matthews.bham.sch.uk or Tel: 0121 359 1602

Rugby Orthodox Church of the Ascension Open Days



The Chapel, The Cemetery, Clifton Rd, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 3QW

Come and visit and learn more about this interesting church, its icons and services. Visit this church for an informative and interesting tour and description of holy icons and an introduction to Orthodox Christianity. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tours take approximately an hour and need to be booked at Rugby Visitor Centre.

Opening Times

- Friday 13 September:** Tour 11:00 & 14:00
- Saturday 14 September:** Tour 11:00 & 14:00
- Friday 20 September:** Tour 11:00 & 14:00
- Saturday 21 September:** Tour 11:00 & 14:00

Booking Details

Pre-booking required. Must be booked at the Visitor Centre. Call: 01788 533217

Coventry Cathedral Schools Offer

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL EDUCATIONAL TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

GENERAL- A general tour of the both the old and new cathedral



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS Uncover the signs, symbols and hidden meanings in the cathedral.

BLITZ IN COVENTRY- Travel back in time to 1940 and explore our Blitz museum. Hear the story of the night of the blitz and how the people of Britain survived and coped to during WW2.



CONFLICT, PEACE AND RECONCILIATION- the Cathedral is international known for its reconciliation ministry and the controversial message that came out of the response to the bombing of the cathedral. Investigate how we use our past to strive for forgiveness instead of conflict.

ART- Study the Cathedrals Art and architecture, and experience how they enhanced the buildings atmosphere.

PLACES OF WORSHIP- Explore the space and how it is used as a place of worship. What makes the building a special/ holy place?

Stay for a whole day and enhanced your study further with a selection of workshops on your chosen topic.

For more information please contact the schools' team on 02476 521 257 or email stella.timbrell@coventrycathedral.org.uk



COMING SOON

Peace and Reconciliation Primary Units, complimentary to the Coventry and Warwickshire Agreed Syllabus. These will be available on the Warwickshire SACRE website shortly. We will inform you when they are ready to be launched.

RE Resources and Support

Primary RE 1000 Project with RE Today

Giving primary schools access to high-quality RE resources

The National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE) has received generous funding to support more primary schools with high quality RE resources. Helping to deliver RE in engaging and exciting ways, Primary RE 1000 offers a special two year Bronze membership package.

Only available to eligible schools, NATRE aims to increase access to fantastic resources, and this funding has made it possible at a subsidised price. If you would like to find out if your school is eligible please email me: Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk (Coventry schools) or jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk (Warwickshire schools). If you ARE eligible, I can send you a discount code and you will need to quote me as your referrer in order to get the discounted offer. More details on this project can be found here:

<http://www.natre.org.uk/membership/primary-re-1000/>



twitter 
CHAT

For those of you who have a Twitter account



#REchatUK is every first Monday of the month 8-9pm.

Just use the hashtag and join in.

The first one for this academic year is Monday 9th September.

<https://www.natre.org.uk/courses-events/rechatuk/>

Top Tip:
Following key RE accounts on Twitter keeps you up-to-date with what is happening in the world of RE. Recommended accounts:
@NATREupdate
@IFWeek
@NATTEspiritarts
@CommisiononRE
@Ben_Wood_RE
@REQualityMark
@reonline_tweets
@RECouncil
@NASACRE
@fionajmoss

Quran Resources



Order free copies of the Quran Here:

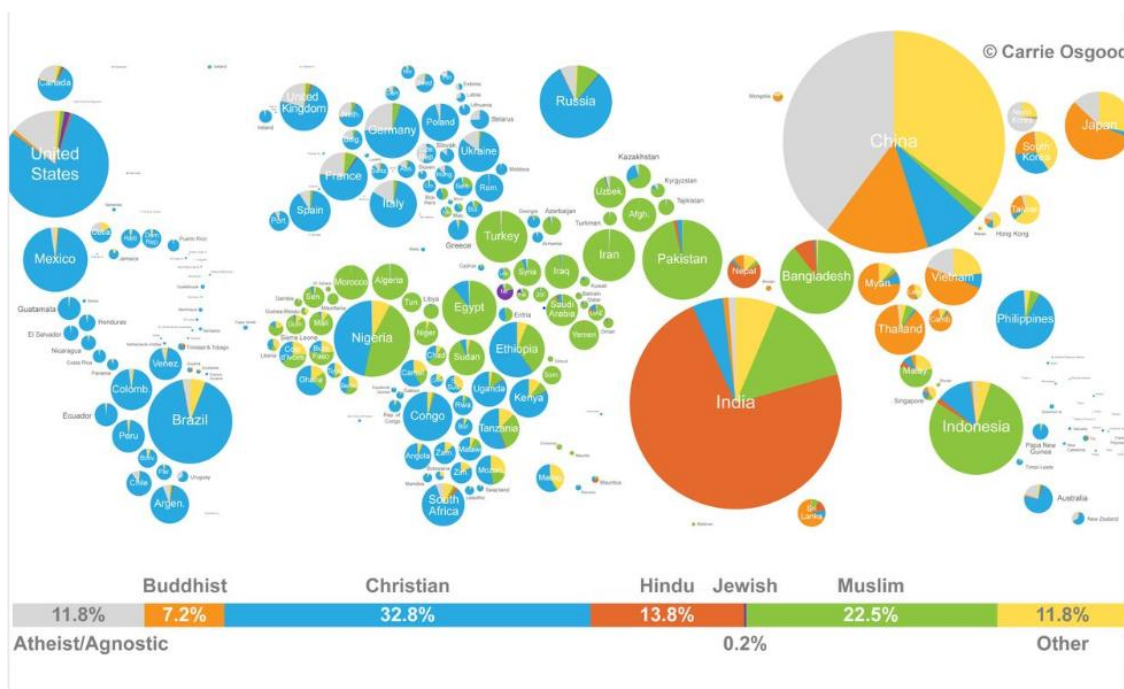
<http://quranproject.org/freequran.php>

Use Quran Explorer to look at verses in both Arabic and English and to listen to these recited in Arabic:

The screenshot shows the Quran Explorer website interface. At the top, there are navigation options for Sura/Chapter (1 - Al-Fatiha), Juz (1), Script (Usmani), Translation (Eng-Pickthal-Audio), and a button to 'Read & Listen Quran on your mobile devices'. Below this, the text for Surah Al-Fatiha is displayed in both English and Arabic. The English text reads: 'In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful (1) Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, (2) The Beneficent, the Merciful. (3) Owner of the Day of Judgment, (4) Thee (alone) we worship; Thee (alone) we ask for help. (5) Show us the straight path, (6) The path of those whom Thou hast favoured. Not (the path) of those who earn Thine anger nor of those who go astray. (7)'. The Arabic text is the same surah, starting with 'سُوْرَةُ الْفَاتِحَةِ بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ (۱) حَمْدٌ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِیْنَ (۲) الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ (۳) مَلِكِ یَوْمِ الدِّیْنِ (۴) اِیَّاكَ تَعْبُدُ اِیَّاكَ نَسْتَعِیْنُ (۵) اِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِیْمَ (۶) صِرَاطَ الَّذِیْنَ اَنْعَمْتَ عَلَیْهِمْ غَیْرَ مَغْضُوْبٍ عَلَیْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّیْنَ (۷)'. The interface also includes a 'Donate' button and a 'Stop' button at the bottom.

<https://www.quranexplorer.com/Quran/>

Big Map of World Religions



Great infographics here: <https://bigthink.com/strange-maps/world-map-of-religions>

The Infographic Bible



This pioneering book shows us the Bible in a completely unique way. Through the collaboration of a far-reaching field of experts, these powerful infographics reveal new beauty, meaning and connections in the key biblical themes and narratives, bringing the word of God to life on the page.

The Infographic Bible does not simply illustrate the biblical text. It doesn't cover every book or subject, nor is it a replacement for the Bible. Rather its aim is always to point back to it.



<https://www.theinfographicbible.com/>

I've got a copy of this book and it is brilliant! I especially think boys would love approaching the Bible through these infographs.

Online Courses

Online course in [Politics & the Modern World](#)

Humanist Lives

What does it mean to lead a humanist life? Find out by meeting humanists from around the world and hearing their stories.



Join course for free

Overview Topics Start dates Requirements Educators More courses

Duration 6 weeks | Weekly study 3 hours | Learn Free | Extra benefits From £52

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/humanist-lives>

New 2 RE Course for NQTs

New2RE Programme for Newly Qualified teachers of Religious Education in Secondary Schools

The National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE) has been funded to provide a three year programme of support for RE NQTs. The programme recognises that the teaching of RE requires rapid development of subject specific knowledge and pedagogy and that support for this is not always readily available. By providing a tailored programme to support the NQT that will complement a school's own programme New2RE has been successful in improving the retention rate of NQTs in RE over the last five years. The benefits of the programme are worth £1000 per year and include NATRE membership, a specialist mentor, a 30 hour residential course, free courses and webinars and printed resources.

Further information on the programme including an application form can be found here <https://www.natre.org.uk/news/latest-news/applications-now-open-for-the-2019-new2re-programme/>

Outside the Classroom: RE Learning Opportunities



4FRONT THEATRE

<https://www.4front-theatre.com/>

4Front Theatre have 2 shows on the road **Back in Time for Christmas** and **Job & Jingle** available for **PRIMARY** Schools.

Back in Time For Christmas

Justin Time has finally completed his time machine and what better use for it than to go back 2000 years to give baby Jesus his very own Christmas present - that's if his calculations are correct!

With songs, silliness and a whole lot of festive fun, join Justin on his adventure to see the first Christmas!

Job & Jingle

It's going to be a cold December, so the Queen has thrown down the gauntlet to all members of the royal court to make this Christmas the best Christmas ever! Two contenders will answer the challenge, Job: the Abbot, and Jingle: the court jester. Which Christmas will come out on top, the religious holiday, or the festive party?

With songs, silliness and a whole lot of festive fun, join the Abbot and the jester as they compete to make the best Christmas celebration!

Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WU_HUDgbD98

BOTH shows:

Dates:

Touring 24th Nov - 22nd Dec

Cost:

This year the production costs £375 + travel expenses (at 35p per mile capped at £100).

If a local school can connect with 1 or more other local schools in the area who also book a show on the same day or next day we offer discounts as follows:

2 shows £625 + travel

3 shows £825 + travel

4 shows £1100 + travel

Please get in touch for further shows and discounted rates. info@4front-theatre.com



A new RE app!

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/re-definitions/id1333493297?mt=8>

RE-Definitions allows RE teachers to search for the pronunciation and meaning of more than 200 key terms. It's for non-specialists who want to understand the words and how to pronounce them with confidence, and for specialists who want to brush up on their knowledge. In both audio and text, RE-Definitions provides accurate, clear, resource-linked definitions of key terms in seven religions and beliefs, in ethics and philosophy and in the study of religions and beliefs.



Resources for setting up RE and Philosophy clubs: <http://www.solarity.org.uk/>

RESOURCES & CURRICULUM

Spark connections to Judaism with our downloadable educational resources.

Jewish Holidays

Discuss the history and rituals of Jewish holidays.

Jewish Texts

From the Talmud and beyond, dive deep into the text.

Torah

Teach the weekly Torah portions.

Teaching Animation

Resources for our online PD course.

<https://www.bimbam.com/resources/>



Anne Frank Trust: <https://annefrank.org.uk/>

REQM Award

Outstanding RE is now acknowledged, celebrated and publicised.

If you know your learners have great experiences in RE, the RE Quality Mark will give you national recognition for the work you do.

www.reqm.org



What is the RE Quality Mark?

The REQM has been developed to celebrate good RE in all sectors and phases of education in England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

- The REQM has five strands:
- ★ Learners and Learning
 - ★ Teachers and Teaching
 - ★ Curriculum
 - ★ Subject leadership
 - ★ Continuing Professional Development



There are three award levels: bronze, silver and gold.

Schools applying for the REQM use the school evidence form and the pupil questionnaire (available on the website) highlight their progress.

An REQM assessor visits the school, interviews learners and meets the subject leader and a member of the senior leadership team.

What do I do next?

- ★ Visit the website, explore the criteria and apply online.
- ★ Email admin@reqm.org to find out more.
- ★ The cost of REQM is £475 for each school.



Looking forward to Mitzvah Day 2019 on Sunday 17th November

A Mitzvah

A Mitzvah, literally, is a commandment in Jewish law. However, it is often used to mean a good deed or an act of kindness and that is the basis for Mitzvah Day. It is an integral part of Jewish life.

What we do

On Mitzvah Day, we give our time, not our money, to make a difference to the community around us. We introduce people to social action, to their neighbours and to local charities setting up projects which address real needs. Jewish led, we bring together people of all faiths and backgrounds, to volunteer side by side, building longstanding, genuine relationships.

<https://mitzvahday.org.uk/>

Local Opportunities

On **Saturday 14th Sept 10-12**, Guru Nanak Parkash Gurwara on Harnall Lane in Coventry will be open for visitors as part of the Heritage Weekend.



heritage **open days**

Saturday 2nd November is the **Coventry Peace Walk** will take place from 9am. The route this year will start at the Council House and visit Holy Trinity Church, Eagle Street Masjid (mosque), Krishna Mandhir and finish at Guru Nanak Parkash Gurdwara at around lunch time.

On 28th September Gurdwara Guru Nanak Prakash, The Hindu Community of Coventry and Shekinah Temple A.M.E Zion Church will be building a bridge together in Broadgate, Coventry at 12.00 noon to 4pm.



<https://www.imagine-bridge.co.uk/>
#ImagineBridge





Rugby Inter Faith Forum invites you to...

A Peace Walk: 'Faith in Local Environmental Action', visiting a church, mandir, & gurdwara and culminating with refreshments at the gurdwara, on Sunday 15th September 2-5.30pm. Meet at the Peace Tree beside Rugby Library.

Route as follows:

2:00pm: Start at the Millenium tree next to the library. A Bahá'í representative will launch the event.

2:20pm: St Andrew's Church, Church St, Rugby CV21 3PT

3:45pm: The Shree Kalyan Mandir, 6 Kimberley Rd, Rugby CV21 2SU

5:00pm: The Guru Nanak Gurdwara, 6 Craven Rd, Rugby CV21 3HY

http://interfaithinrugby.org.uk/diary?event_id1=742

A Public Lecture: 6.30pm on 12th November at Rugby School. Nationally renowned speaker, Christine Allen, ex-CAFOD Director, will speak on 'Our common home- The work of CAFOD in responding to the climate change emergency from the perspective of the world's poor'. The event is open to the public by ticket and payment of a small entrance fee (£6) to cover a simple meal. This could be something useful for older secondary RE/politics students.

http://interfaithinrugby.org.uk/diary?event_id1=712



Inter Faith Week is coming up! There is a useful toolkit and an opportunity to register any activities you are planning to hold here:

<https://www.interfaithweek.org/>

Coventry and Warwickshire

Children's Peace Poem 2020

Lord Mayor's Peace Committee for Peace and Reconciliation, Coventry Cathedral, SACRE and the United Nations Association Coventry Branch invite Coventry children to write a poem on the theme of Human Rights.

We want to celebrate Coventry's global place as a City of Peace and Reconciliation, welcoming people of all cultures from all over the world.

But peace is much more than just the absence of war. People cannot live in peace if they are deprived of their fundamental human rights.

We think children need to know more about what human rights are. That is why we have chosen Human Rights as the theme for Coventry Children's Peace Poem 2020.

As Article 26.2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states:

"Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace."

The Prizes

The winning poems will be selected by a panel of judges. The results will be announced in January 2020. The authors of the best three poems will

- Meet Lord Mayor of Coventry or Chair of Warwickshire County Council
- Receive a Winners Certificate
- Read their poem at an award ceremony in January
- Receive a copy of a book in which their poem is printed
- Receive a book token

Inspiration

You probably already have many ideas, here are some more, why not read:

- The colour of home by Mary Hoffman
- For every child by Caroline Castle
- Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela abridged by Chris Van Wyk
- My Name is Not Refugee by Kate Milner
- We Are All Born Free by Amnesty International

The Rules

1. All authors must be aged 16 or less on 30 November 2019
2. All authors must live or go to school in Coventry or Warwickshire
3. The poem must fit the theme of peace and human rights
4. A school can submit as many poems as it wishes
5. Parents of home educated children can submit poems
6. Individual children can submit poems provided they have the permission of their parent or guardian

How to Enter

To submit your poem(s) you must first register at

CovPeacePoem.uk

You will then receive an email explaining how to submit your poem.

The deadline for entries is [30th November 2019](#).

Late entries will not be considered.

Good luck!

Local RE networks



Coventry and Warwickshire SACREs are keen to know about any existing RE teacher networks. If you are part of one, please send details to:

Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk (Coventry area)

jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk (Warwickshire area)

Spring RE Bulletin



Next RE bulletin due out January 2020. If you have anything you think would be useful to share with Coventry and Warwickshire RE teachers, please email me to let me know: Jennifer.Jenkins@coventry.gov.uk (Coventry Schools)

jenniferjenkins@warwickshire.gov.uk (Warwickshire schools)

Spring RE Subject Leader Twilight

Next RE Subject Leader Twilight will be **Thursday 23rd January 4.30-6.00pm** at Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington Spa.

Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 7RT

Meeting focus: Philosophy & Ethics in RE (Suitable for Primary and Secondary in split sessions)



Spring RE Curriculum Session: 'Theologies of Reading'

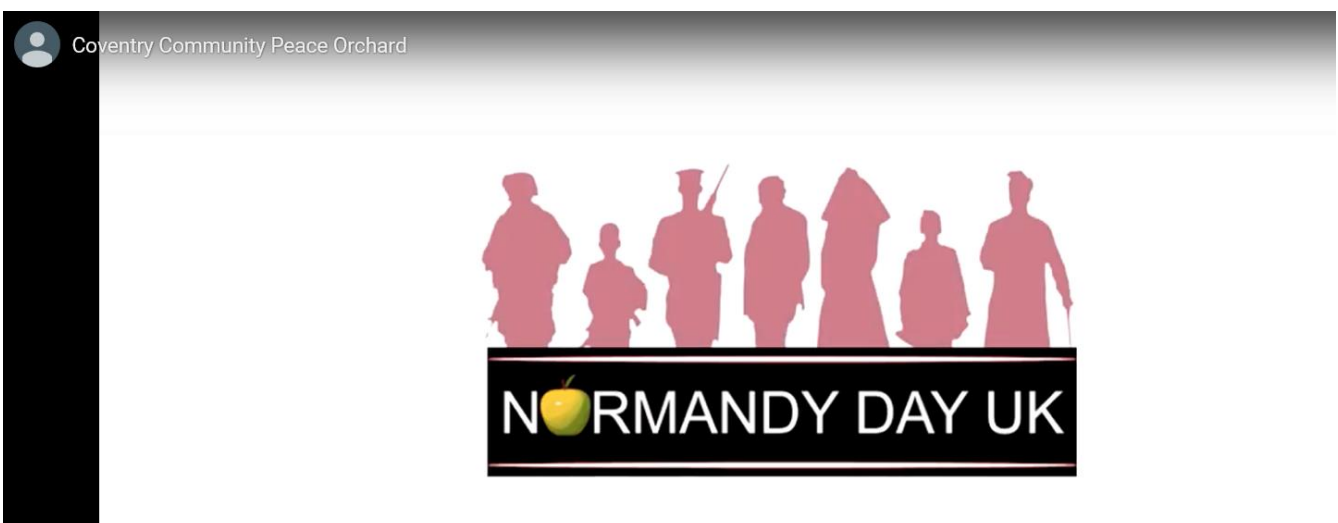
Venue: Room: M1.3 Friargate (next to Coventry Railway Station)

To book a place look out for the links to online booking in Heads Up (Warwickshire) and Friday Heads Mailing (Coventry).



Congratulations to Cardinal Newman RC Secondary School for their Peace Orchard work. Students at the school utilised at the First World War Centenary Battlefields Tour Programme to create an innovative and lasting legacy within their school and local community. You can read all about it here:

<https://www.centenarybattlefieldtours.org/media/156455/Peace-Prayer-Garden.pdf> and watch a film about it here: <https://www.peaceorchard.co.uk/>



Congratulations also to Richard Lee Primary School, winners of this year's Peace Song Competition:

Richard Lee city winners of 'Peace Song Competition'.

In June, the Lord Mayors Peace Committee and Coventry Cathedral invited Primary Schools to write and submit a song for the Peace Song competition. The children in year 4P explored and wrote their ideas about peace and with the help of their teachers put this to music. It is a fabulous song that we look forward to sharing with you next term. As winners the a professional composer will deliver a songwriting workshop in September to children. Our song will orchestrated, recorded and given pride of place at a number of high profile live performances, including:-

World Premiere (with a live band) @ the winning school

Mornings of Music @ primary schools all over Coventry

Big Sing @ the Albany Theatre

Coventry Music Summer Showcase @ Warwick Arts Centre

SING! Choir @ Godiva Festival

Discover the Classics (with a full symphony orchestra) @ Coventry Cathedral

