

RE Spring Bulletin 2024



On behalf of Coventry and Warwickshire SACREs, we wish you a very happy 2024! We continue to offer you support with your RE teaching and learning. Please contact sacre@warwickshire.gov.uk with any requests or queries.

Key Dates for RE Festivals Spring 2024

Religious Tradition/Worldview	Key Dates
Baha'i	20 th March Naw-Ruz
Buddhist Traditions	1 st January Shuso (New Year) 8 th or 15 th February Parinirvana 24 th March Magha Puja
Christianity	6 th January Epiphany (CE/RC) 6 th January Theophany (Orthodox) 6 th /7 th January Christmas Eve/Day (Orthodox) 7 th January Baptism of Christ (CE/RC) 19 th January Timkat (Ethiopian) 25 th January Conversion of St Paul 2 nd February Presentation of Jesus in the Temple/Candlemas 13 th February Shrove Tuesday 14 th February St Valentine 14 th February Ash Wednesday 14 th February- 28 th March Lent (CE/RC) 18 th February Great Lent begins (Orthodox) 1 st March St David 1 st March World Day of Prayer 10 th March Mothering Sunday 17 th March St Patrick 19 th March St Joseph (RC) 24 th March Palm Sunday 25 th March The Annunciation 28 th March Maundy Thursday 29 th March Good Friday 30 th March Holy Saturday 31 st March Easter Sunday
Islam	8 th February The Prophet's Night Journey [Isra and Mi'raj] 25 th February The Night of Forgiveness [Lailat-ul-Bara'ah] 11 th March- 10 th April Ramadan
Judaism*	25 th January Tu B'Shevat 24 th March Purim
Paganism	1 st February Imbolc 20 th March Spring Equinox (Ostara /Alban Eilir)
Sanatan Dharma	8 th March Mahashivratri 24 th March Holi
Sikhi	17 th January Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh

Other	21 st January 2024 World Religions Day 27 th January Holocaust Memorial Day
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*All Jewish festivals begin the night before at sundown

New Coventry and Warwickshire Agreed Syllabus 2024



The launch of the new Coventry and Warwickshire syllabus will take place on the afternoon of Monday 22nd April 2024 and will be a hybrid event, with spaces for attending a live event at Coventry Council House or an online event via Microsoft Teams so you can join from school or home.



Details to follow- look out for the flyer coming soon!

You can access the sessions from our October RE Curriculum Symposium sessions here: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/7628/re-curriculum-symposium-autumn-2023> (Password same as for Warwickshire SACRE page).



RE Subject Leader Twilights for 2024

Below are the planned sessions, when they are taking place and booking links:

Date	Session	Suitable for	Description
Thursday 11 th January	Modelling New Units from the New Agreed Syllabus: EYFS https://www.eventbrite.com/e/modelling-units-tickets-677938130197	EYFS Teachers RE Subject Leaders Primary	This session will be led by an EYFS teacher who has written the unit and they will show you how the new unit plans work and how they fit into the syllabus
Thursday 18 th January	Modelling New Units from the New Agreed Syllabus: KS1	KS1 Teachers RE Subject Leaders Primary	This session will be led by a KS1 teacher who has

	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/modelling-units-2-tickets-677942061957		written the unit and they will show you how the new unit plans work and how they fit into the syllabus
Thursday 1 st February	Modelling New Units from the New Agreed Syllabus: Lower KS2 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/modelling-units-3-tickets-677945752997	KS2 Teachers RE Subject Leaders Primary	This session will be led by a KS2 teacher who has written the unit and they will show you how the new unit plans work and how they fit into the syllabus
Thursday 22 nd February	Modelling New Units from the New Agreed Syllabus: Upper KS2 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/modelling-units-4-tickets-677949875327	KS2 Teachers RE Subject Leaders Primary	This session will be led by a KS2 teacher who has written the unit and they will show you how the new unit plans work and how they fit into the syllabus
Thursday 29 th February	Modelling New Units from the New Agreed Syllabus: KS3 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/modelling-unit-5-tickets-677951841207	KS3 Teachers RE Subject Leaders Secondary	This session will be led by a KS3 teacher who has written the unit and they will show you how the new unit plans work and how they fit into the syllabus
Thursday 21 st March	Pagan Worldviews https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pagan-worldviews-tickets-677953245407	RE Subject Leaders	This session will be co-led by Jennifer Jenkins (RE Facilitator) and Janey Manton (Pagan representative on Coventry SACRE)
Thursday 11 th April	Non-religious Worldviews https://www.eventbrite.com/e/non-religious-worldviews-tickets-677954248407	RE Subject Leaders	This session will be co-led by Jennifer Jenkins (RE Facilitator) and Jane Sault (Humanist representative on Warwickshire SACRE)

We may add additional CPD sessions as RE continues to develop in response to the national picture and our writing group's affiliation with the REC's Worldviews Project as one of the successful bid teams.

For any queries regarding these sessions, please email: sacre@warwickshire.gov.uk



National Content Standard for RE

Please take a look at the National Content Standard for RE to stay informed on national Re issues: <https://religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/resource/national-content-standard-1st-edition-2023/#:~:text=The%20RE%20Council's%20National%20Content,what%20content%20schools%20should%20teach.>

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This has also helped to inform our new local agreed syllabus.

Local RE Resources

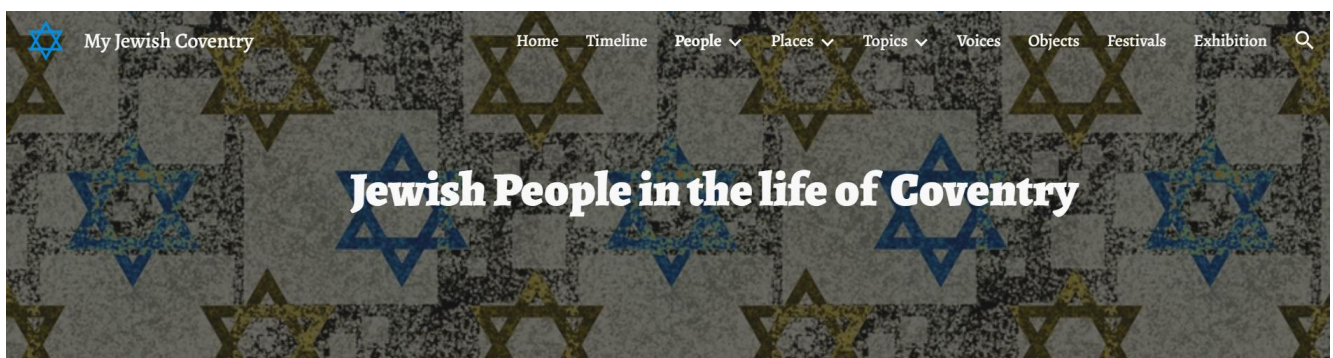


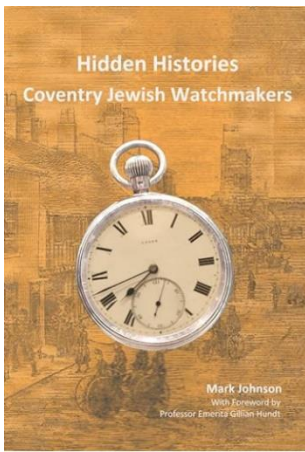
New Westhill Project! Digital Photo Pack: *Images That Speak*

Coventry Diocesan Board of Education have secured some funding from Westhill Charity to create a digital photopack. This will aim to capture local communal worldviews, places of worship and faith communities and will be a very useful resource for schools alongside the new agreed syllabus. You can see the project page here:

<https://www.westhillendowment.org/coventry-diocesan-board-of-education>

My Jewish Coventry





This great new website, created by the husband of our Coventry SACRE Jewish representative and is a treasure trove of local Jewish history. Visit it here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/myjewishcoventry/people>.

There is also a new book available on the Coventry Jewish Watchmakers who were skilled migrants arriving in the city and establishing the Coventry Synagogue:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Hidden-Histories-Coventry-Jewish-Watchmakers/dp/1739310209>

Herbert
Art Gallery & Museum

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Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP

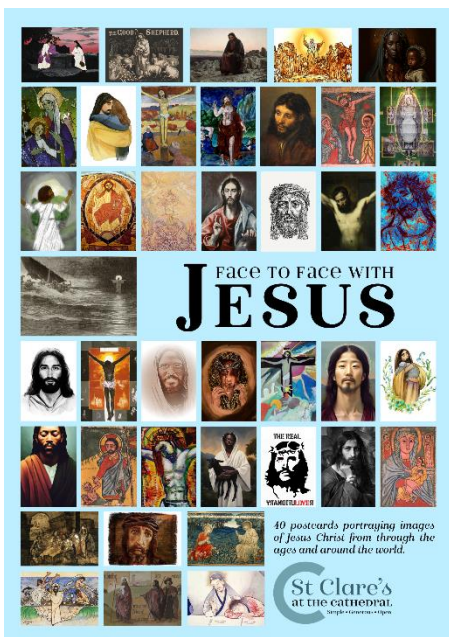
Coventry's Jewish Community

From 12 October 2023 - September 2024 [Show all dates and times](#) v

Explore Coventry's Jewish Community through the ages. Featured within the History Gallery - 'Your Coventry' space.

You can also visit the exhibition at the Herbert Art Gallery between now and September 2024; <https://www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1775/coventrys-jewish-community>

St Clare's Face to Face with Jesus Photo Pack



St Clare's at the Cathedral have produced this fabulous new photo pack which will be a great resource for the new syllabus, in particular the KS1 and KS2 units on 'Who is Jesus?'. Call in at the shop (opposite the cathedral) or order online here: <https://stclaresatthecathedral.org/product/face-to-face-with-jesus/>

This is also a great place to buy icons and other Christian artefacts such as crosses and candles.

Other RE Resources

Accessing Worldviews



Lincolnshire Diocese have shared the outputs from their Empowering Voices project: <https://www.reconnectlincs.co.uk/empowering-voices>

This includes the following worldviews:



Pennine Learning: Jewish and Sikh Worldviews

Pennine Learning's new video resources on Jewish and Sikh worldviews are available here: <https://www.penninelearning.com/videos/>

Synagogue Series



The Torah

These films have been financially supported by the Westhill Trust.



Daily And Sabbath Prayer

These films have been financially supported by the Westhill Trust.

Sikhi Series



The Sikh Faith And Its Origins

These films have been financially supported by the Westhill Trust.



Guru Nanak's Story

These films have been financially supported by the Westhill Trust.

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq97UA48IBVdF5ynnGEJrEw>

University of Nottingham Introducing Religion & Worldviews Videos

The University of Nottingham have created this really helpful series of videos that will be useful for RE subject leaders introducing staff to a religion and worldviews approach to teaching RE. You can access the videos here:

https://mediaspace.nottingham.ac.uk/playlist/details/1_naaf156b?_gl=1*mwrsqi*ga*NzkyMjQ4NjcwLjE3MDQ5NzQzNTU.*_ga_NTJWP5TDWB*MTcwNDk3NDM0NC4xLjEuMTcwNDk3NDM1NS40OS4wLjA



Introducing the Religion and Worldview approach to religious education

Created by Helen Frost • 8 Items • Updated November 22, 2023

A series of videos for teachers examining key introductory topics for religious studies students

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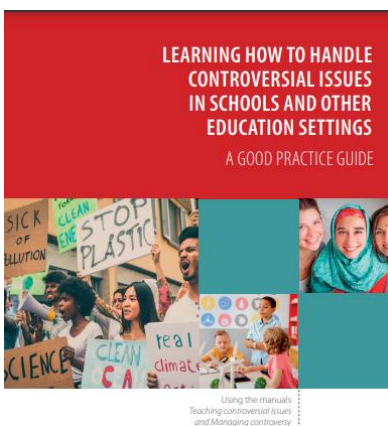
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religious studies

Watch Now

Keep an eye out for a familiar face amongst the videos...

Handling Controversial Issues in RE



This is a very useful document for RE teachers and will be supportive in the approach to new learning in the new syllabus: <https://rm.coe.int/learning-how-to-handle-controversial-issues-in-schools-and-other-educational-settings/1680a12734>

Facing History have also created a new unit on discussing Islamophobia in the classroom:

<https://www.facinghistory.org/en-gb/resource-library/discussing-contemporary-islamophobia-in-classroom>

AI for RE

Dawn Cox has put together a list of AI applications that might be useful for use in RE:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n2fRQoWpM9eTeGQTKz7VPU9bZbg3zlTPc8gNQa0WKiU/mobilebasic>

Here is a Ted Talk recommended by one of our SACRE members, *The Dangers of a Single Story*:
https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story

RE CPD



Research of the Month


Don't forget to check out RE Online's Research of the Month and all previous research projects. This is a great way to stay up to date with RE research and engage in research-informed practice in your own classroom:
<https://www.reonline.org.uk/research/research-of-the-month/>



Free Online Course for RE Subject Leaders

Culham St Gabriel's have a fantastic collection of FREE online courses based on Religion & Worldviews, Curriculum, Subject Knowledge, Research and ECTs.

Available courses



Introduction to Religion and Worldviews

Short Courses Number of topics: 10

What is a Religion and Worldviews approach? Maybe you have heard the phrase and are unsure what it means. Perhaps you have not heard the phrase at all. This course provides an introduction to what is happening in Religious Education right now, covering the most recent report into the subject and th...

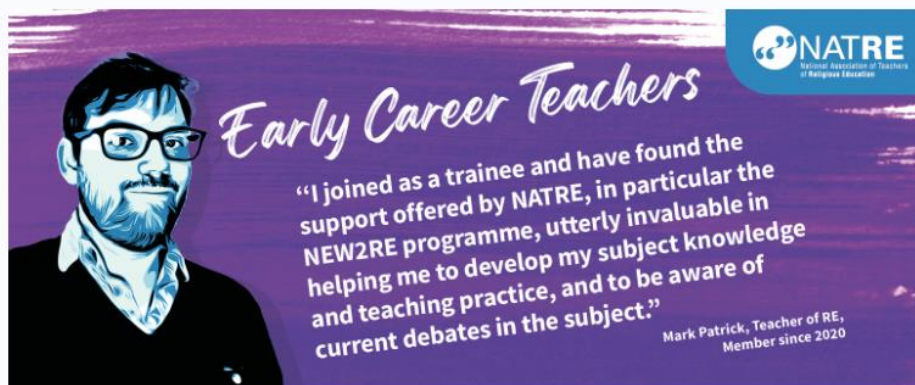
[View course](#)

You can access the courses here: <https://courses.cstg.org.uk/>

NATRE ECT Webinars

NATRE also have free webinars for ECTs to support RE subject knowledge.

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RELATED RESOURCES

Cultivating flowers

USEFUL LINKS

Council for Subject Associations (CfSA)

Are you an Early Career Teacher (ECT) in religious education seeking to enhance your skills and subject knowledge? Or perhaps you're an experienced teacher new to teaching **Religious Education** including **Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE)**, **Religious and moral education (RME)**, and **Religious Studies**?

You can book on to them here: <https://www.natre.org.uk/membership/early-careers-teachers/ect-free-monthly-webinar/>



TRS Chester A-Level Webinars from Chester University

Whilst aimed at A-level RE students, this series of webinars (there are three years' worth available now!) are also great for RE teacher subject knowledge. You will find the collection here:

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/subject-activities-schools-and-colleges/theology-and-religious-studies/trs-chester-level-webinars>

RE Book Recommendations

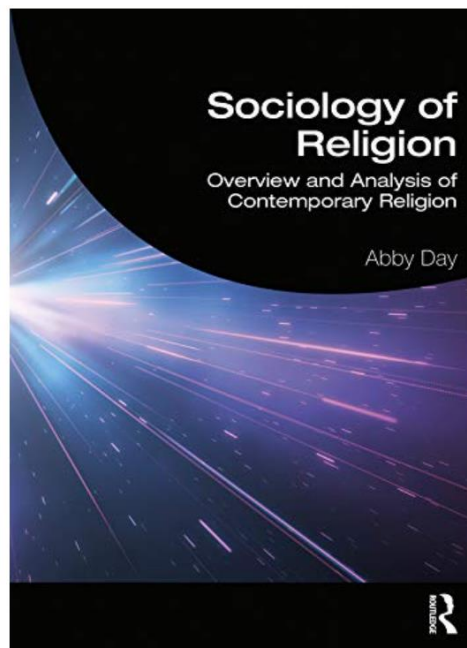
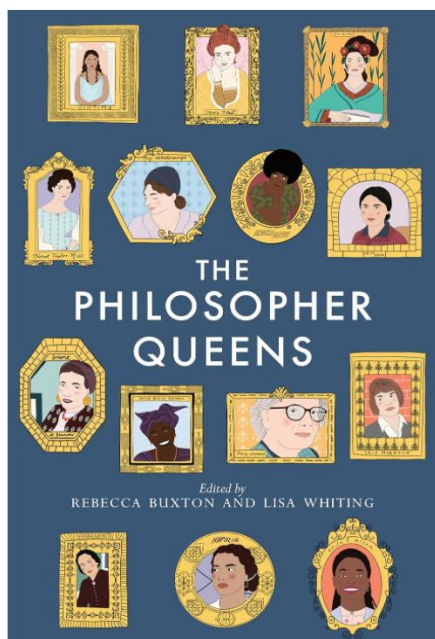


The Books at Press Belonging and Believing series will be a great addition to any primary school RE and library collections. Available here:

<https://www.booksatpress.co.uk/belongingandbelieving.html>

PowerPoint and video files are also now available:

<https://www.booksatpress.co.uk/VideofilesBelongingandBelieving.html>



If you are wanting to improve your disciplinary knowledge, these two books are very accessible!