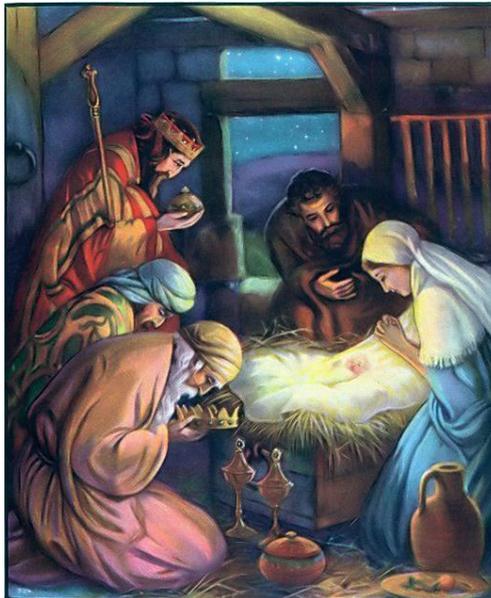


The A & B Newsletter for RE Subject Leaders and
Heads of Department



Welcome to ABlaze! January 2016

Welcome to the **third** edition of *ABlaze*, the RE Newsletter from the Diocesan Education Service, keeping you up to date with news, resources and training.



And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

Website

Please continue to check our website regularly to keep up to date with news, events, training/courses and resources.

Our web address is:

www.abeductionservice.org.uk

Courses

On the website you will find information about a wide range of courses with outlines and objectives for each course offered.

All courses can be booked on line, where notification of your booking is sent to you via email.

Coming up this term:

New Section 48 Inspectors' Training – by invitation 13 January 2016

Primary Headteachers' Conference – Friday 22 January 2016

Cross Phase Professional Development for Future Leaders – Friday 29 January 2016

Developing School Partnerships: A Day with Clergy – Thursday 11 February 2016

Primary R.E Coordinators Day 2 of 3 – Thursday 10 March 2016

If you have aspirations to become a Catholic Leader please note the course for Future Leaders on 29 January 2016 at DABCEC is for you!

Additional Training

During the year, we are pleased to offer additional training sessions as the need arises, support inset days and staff meetings. Please contact our Primary Adviser, Sarah Feist at sarah.feist@dabnet.org or by telephone **01293511130**.

Holy Year of Mercy

The Year of Mercy will be a key pillar of our academic year, underpinning all our training and courses. Our launch day was very successful; attended by 120 delegates from 63 schools!

All resources that were used on the day can be found under RE Resources on our website. www.abeductionservice.org.uk

We would like to celebrate the excellent work of our schools during the Year of Mercy so if you have pupils' work or projects that you are willing to share with others, please send in to Sarah Feist so that it can be uploaded to our website.

The work can be from a variety of resources: lessons, art work, poetry, ICT or assemblies. Originals or photographs all welcome.

We look forward to seeing and sharing what you are doing in your schools.

The Farmington Institute

Have you ever considered undertaking research into Religious Education or Values Education?



If you have completed at least two years in your present post then you are eligible to apply for a FarmingtonScholarship.

The Farmington Institute Is offering Scholarships to Headteachers, teachers of RE in UK secondary schools, primary school RE Coordinators or other primary school teachers involved in teaching RE and teachers of children with Special Educational Needs who are involved with RE. These Scholarships are financed by the Farmington Trust.

Scholars are free to study any aspect of Religious Education they wish but preference will be given to applicants whose work can be seen to be of direct value to the teaching of RE in schools.

The institute website will give you more details about what types of Scholarships are available, who is eligible, what subjects can be studied, how much it will cost, what is required of the Scholars and how to download an application form.

**The closing date for applications for the academic year 2016/2017 is :
25 January 2016.**

Further information about the Farmington Institute, its Scholarships and the work of previous Scholars can also be found on the website.

www.farmington.ac.uk

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Good Samaritan recommended resource

We are recommending the Good Samaritan poster produced *by Pauline Books and Media* as a resource for schools during the Year of Mercy. Schools are encouraged to hold a Good Samaritan Day during the year.



School pilgrimages of mercy to Arundel Cathedral

During the Year of Mercy, pilgrimages to the Holy Door at Arundel Cathedral are encouraged. There will also be Holy Doors at The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge and at Mayfield School Chapel. This will allow children and young people to pass through the Holy Door.

The Good Shepherd Celebration will take place at Arundel on 22nd June 2016 so some pupils will have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage and go through the 'Holy Door' however due to the limited space in the Cathedral only a small number of pupils from each school will be able to attend this celebration.



Who should you take?

A visit to the Cathedral is suitable for any age group. However, schools may wish to take specific year groups such as Years 5 & 6 to link with the R.E Spring term Local Church topic and or Years 3 or 4 to link with sacramental topics.

What could be done at the Cathedral?

Prayer stations can be developed around the Stations of the Cross. Booklets will be available soon to support you with ideas on how to reflect and pray at these prayer stations.

Can you hold a reconciliation service at the cathedral?

Schools may wish to celebrate a non-sacramental service of reconciliation during the visit. If schools wish to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, arrangements should be made to bring with them an accompanying priest.

Arranging a visit

Please note that all visits to the Cathedral or any of the other Holy Doors **must** be made in advance. To visit the Cathedral please contact: Louise Sharp on 01903 882297 or by email at: aruncath1@aol.com

Come & See Information



The website is now fully charged with everything you need for

Spring 2016. You will find planning sheets, respond booklets, acts of worship, letters to parents and 'I can' statements. There are also topic webs for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to assist with using multiple sources when planning for the 'Reveal' section of *Come and See*.

Alongside these resources is the newly revised, three year planner for Come and See formal assessments. The formal assessment theme for this term is:

Church Theme - Local Church - Community.

The suggested assessment materials will be added soon to this assessment section. These assessment activities are there so that pupils can show how and if, they have met the learning outcomes of the topic. Assessments should then be marked against the attainment levels using the driver words to support the level the pupil is working within and a best fit level given to each pupil.

These assessments should be moderated in school and at deanery level if possible, to ensure continuity and accurate levelling. They are not intended to be the only source of evidence but are a valuable resource to form part of a 'wider picture'.

If you require any support or further guidance regarding delivery of these tasks please do not hesitate to contact the Primary Adviser, Sarah Feist sarah.feist@dabnet.org

RE Resources on the Website

Please keep checking our website www.abeducationservice.org.uk as we are constantly adding new materials to support you with delivering RE in your schools. You will find them in RE Resources.

New things added this term:

- Section 48 updates
- *Come & See* Spring 2016 resources
- Weekly *Lectio Divina* texts
- Year of Mercy resources for use in schools

Please contact Sarah Feist if there are any other helpful resources that could be added to this section, so that we can share, with other colleagues, the good practice already going on in our schools.

Rainbows



The impact of Rainbows' programmes for children and young people grieving the loss of a significant person in their lives is tremendously positive. Across the country, there are now around seven hundred schools using Rainbows. Would you like to be a Rainbows' school?

If so, contact Sarah Feist at

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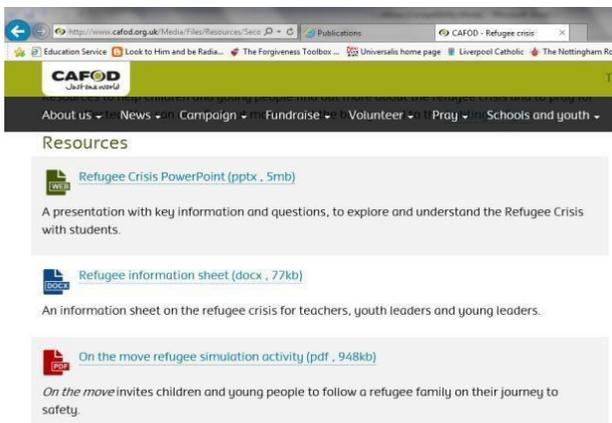
Key Stage 3 Resource

People of God

'*People of God - Called to Serve*' is comprised of a nationally developed framework of Religious Education and a fully supported website of resources to deliver Religious Education within any environment for Key Stage 3. It is an ongoing project that will build and develop over the next 3 years and beyond. Each Year, starting in 2015, a framework and supporting resources will be added for a Year Group, starting with Year 7. The most recent updates are that Units 2, 3 & 4 of the Year 8 Framework have been added along with some minor updates to the Judaism Framework documents, including the addition of a glossary. The resource can be found at : www.peopleofgod.co.uk

Refugee Crisis in Europe

It is important, especially in this Year of Mercy, that we all understand what we can do to support the plight of refugees. CAFOD have some wonderful resources to use in schools. There is a PowerPoint, simulation game and information sheet with key information and questions to explore and understand the refugee crisis in Europe with children and young people.

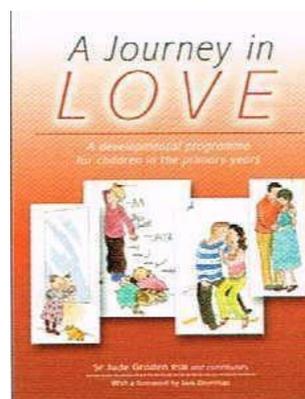


The screenshot shows the CAFOD website's 'Resources' section. It lists three items:

- Refugee Crisis PowerPoint (pptx , 5mb)**: A presentation with key information and questions, to explore and understand the Refugee Crisis with students.
- Refugee information sheet (docx , 77kb)**: An information sheet on the refugee crisis for teachers, youth leaders and young leaders.
- On the move refugee simulation activity (pdf , 948kb)**: *On the move* invites children and young people to follow a refugee family on their journey to safety.

Delivering RSE in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton

As you are aware, the National Board of Religious Inspectors and Advisors is currently reviewing the Catholic RSE framework and policy. 'A Journey in Love' remains the only resource recommended by the Diocese to support the teaching and learning of RSE in our Catholic primary schools. This resource has been approved by the Bishops in England and Wales. Any supporting materials should be quality assured by the Education Service in order to ensure that they meet the current requirements of Catholic Church Teaching.



This programme is published and available from McCrimmon Publishing Co Ltd. For £12.50 Tel: 01702 218956.

Or it can be ordered online at:

www.mccrimmons.com/shop/books/a-journey-in-love--volume-1--book

Looking to support and enhance your RE teaching and learning ?

Join the 'Send my Friend to School' campaign and speak up for every child's right to education.



Tens of millions of children are missing out on school because of conflict and natural disaster. Education is vital for all children and critical during emergencies and times of crisis where it gives much needed stability, safety and hope for the future. We need world leaders to take URGENT action to help.

To find out more and get your free teaching pack for 5-15 year olds visit www.sendmyfriend.org



Get a DVD, story posters, teachers guide, stickers and templates to make 'a message in a school bag' to speak up for children out of school and send to world leaders.

Join Pope Francis in his quest to highlight the effects of climate change on our world.

Laudato si' is the second encyclical of Pope Francis. The encyclical has the subtitle: 'On Care For Our Common Home'



In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis speaks openly about the devastating effects of climate change on people and the planet. He says that climate change is real, urgent and it must be tackled. He also describes the climate as "a common good, belonging to all and meant for all".



CAFOD have produced some excellent resources to support the teaching and learning of *Laudato Si* and can be found at:

www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Encyclical

or under Primary Schools Key Resources and Teaching Themes

www.cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-schools

There are guides to how to use *Laudato Si* in the classroom including Lesson Plans and activities.

The 'One climate One world' Campaign to take part in.

PowerPoints to use in assemblies.

PowerPoints to introduce the effects of Climate change.

Cafod web links for secondary schools

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-schools/Climate>

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-schools/Lent-2016>

LENT 2016

Lent begins on Wednesday 10 February and lasts until Thursday 24 March

Good Friday falls on 25 March
Easter Saturday on 26 March and
Easter Sunday on 27 March.

Lent is the season of penance and prayer in preparation for Easter.



During Lent 2016 find out how to get involved with the CAFOD **Make a Splash!**

The CAFOD website has:
many activities for children to take part in.
Teachers' guide
Assembly PowerPoint
Assembly script

CAFOD Lent resources linked to the Year of Mercy:
Liturgy
Calendar
Stations of the Cross

www.cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-schools/Lent-2016



Order stickers, posters and collection boxes for your Lent fundraising from the online CAFOD shop.



Mission Together encourages children worldwide to care about mission through prayer, learning and fund-raising, and to become missionaries themselves by helping others. Their unique motto is '*children helping children*'.

Resources to prepare for Lent & Easter 2016

Mission Together provides **free Lent Materials** each year for children of primary school age.

Their new **Lent Liturgy** and **Activity** follow the theme of 'sacrifice and sharing' and are available to download from the website, along with their **Lenten Calendar**, which guides you through the season with a prayer, reflection or activity for each day of Lent.

All of their resources offer an engaging approach for your Easter preparations, as well as your RE curriculum.

Please pray and share
with children overseas
www.missiontogether.org.uk



Materials Order Form

Simply fill in the order form on the website to request your new Mission Together materials.

All Mission Together materials are free and support the RE Curriculum.

www.missiontogether.org.uk/lent

Keep an eye out for the next edition of Ablaze due April 2016 that will include information on the new GCSE and 'A' Level Religious Studies Specifications .