

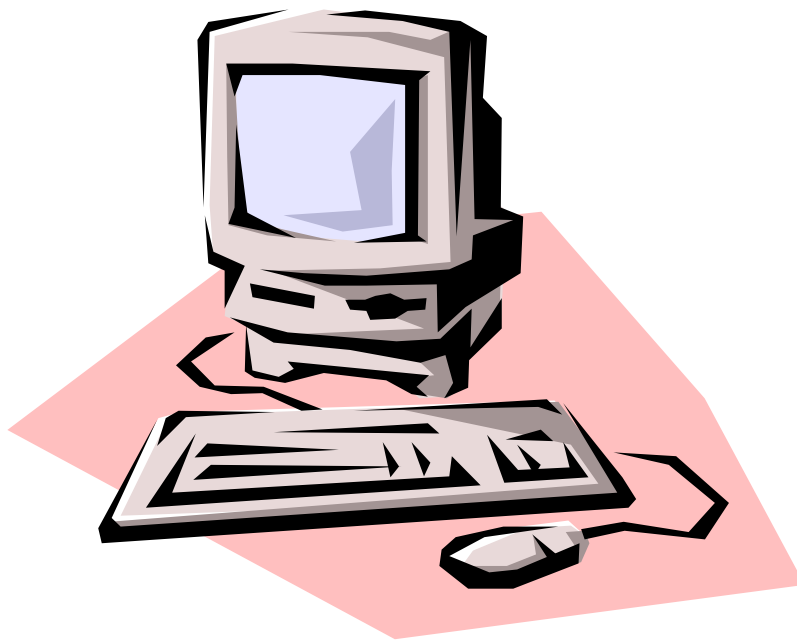


Diocese of Westminster

EDUCATION SERVICE

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEBSITES



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The Internet is a boon to the teaching of religious education. This technology can help you to present and enhance your lessons and support pupils in extended learning.

Space has been allocated to each section of this booklet to enable you to add new websites as they become available.

This reference guide is compiled in good faith but due to the ever changing nature of the internet, users of this document should ensure that the content of the sites listed remain appropriate for the purposes intended. No responsibility for the content can be accepted by the author or the diocese of Westminster.

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By the nature of the web, it is always possible that a site will close down or change its address. If you have difficulty, try searching for key words.

1. GENERAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GATEWAYS

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

Links to Religious Education organisations, religious groups and sites including reviews of current ICT resources.

www.allre.org.uk

This Religious Education site is still expanding and will eventually offer virtual visits to places of worship. Already it has a directory of helpful organisations, lists of audio-visual resources and links to TV and radio programmes.

www.tere.org

This site has basic information on syllabuses, assemblies, plus lots of links you can follow up.

www.reonline

RE on line a portal site providing speedy access to resources.

www.bbc.co.uk

BBC religion and ethics

www.theredirectory.org

The religious education directory

www.teachers.tv.uk

Arrange of video resources for teaching religious education

www.curriculumonline.gov.uk

The curriculum on line with some useful ideas for religious education

www.schoolzone.co

Ideas for religious education lessons

<http://tre.ngfl.gov.uk>

A moderated database of resources and activities created by teachers

www.ybgud.net

Cumbria University sponsored site dedicated to morality

www.cleo.net.uk/resources/index.php?ks=28cur=15

This is the Cumbria Grid for learning site with a range of RE materials

2 TEACHING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

<http://cem.org.uk/>

Religious Education Today

www.daniellesplace.com

Vast American site with many useful links. The teaching material is evangelical which is not for everyone. There are hundreds of Religious education related craft/activity ideas for primary aged children.

www.bible.gospelcom.net

Half useful site helps you to search out a bible passage from a key word or phrase, or will display any passage you choose in various languages and translations. Unfortunately, the Jerusalem Bible is not among those offered and the RSV text does not include the apocryphal books. Despite such lack of Catholicity, it is worth knowing about when you can remember a text that will fit your liturgy perfectly, but not where to find it.

<http://topmarks.co.uk/>

A wide range of education resources including religious education.

<http://becta.org.uk>

Becta – ideas for different key stages

<http://www.culham.ac.uk/>

Culham College

Excellent links to Religious Education material

<http://www.paulhopkins.org.uk/re/index.html>

Paul Hopkins' Revision & GCSE Support

www.pcfre.org.uk/db

Contains comments from those aged 5-18 years. The database can be searched for specific information, e.g. How do Hindu males in the secondary age range talk about their hopes for the future. Suggestions for activities can be downloaded from the website.

www.e-stapleford.co.uk

Supports the teaching of religious education.

www.rejesus.co.uk

A magazine style site combining the life of Jesus, followers today, spirituality, expressions (Jesus in the arts and community).

www.request.org.uk

Extremely useful in the classroom or for supporting homework.

<http://www.jesus2000.com/>

Virtual tours of the Holy Land.

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/craft.htm>

Religious education crafts and teaching support

www.bl.uk/learning

Interactive resources from the British Library showing stories from Christianity and other faiths

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/>

Go to the SEARCH section of this site and type in artefacts to find a wide range of useful pictures of Christian and other religious artefacts

www.SaintAnt.com

Variety of DVDs, CDs, books etc. on sale

<http://www.users.elite.net/runner/jennifers/hello.htm>

Learn to say hello in 775 languages from around the world

www.imfhpublications.co.uk

In My Father's House-publications for schools and parishes

www.sermons4kids.com/hmartin.htm

Free download to illustrate biblical stories

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yRLfCYzQkc>

Videos of things like the Good Samaritan

<http://video.google.co.uk/videoplay?docid=8105846186714651674>

Videos of things like the Good Samaritan

www.natre.org.uk/>

National Association of Teachers of RE website

www.encounterchristianity.co.uk

Free lesson plans

3. TELEVISION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

www.bbc.co.uk/education/schools

www.bbc.co.uk/religion

An award winning site

<http://www.channel4.com/>

4.ISSUES-BASED SITES

<http://www.reep.org/>

REEP

Website of the Religious Education and the Environment Programme, with excellent resources and activity ideas for school.

<http://www.oneworld.net/>

Environmental and global issues

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

Angulimala

Buddhist group involved in prison visiting

<http://www.christian-aid.org.uk/index.htm>

Christian Aid

Campaigns and educational resources

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

CAFOD Current campaigns from the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and a range of teaching resources

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

Amnesty International

UK based information on Amnesty's campaigns.

www.oxfam.org.uk/education/

Lots of information about global issues.

4. BUDDHISM

<http://www.buddhanet.net/sitemap.htm>

Buddhist Questions and Answers

<http://sunsite.unc.edu/zen/>

Zen Buddhist site with 'Koan of the Day'

<http://www.mahabodhi.net.dcat/>

Dharma the Cat – cartoons that blend Buddhist spirituality and humour

<http://jbe.gold.ac.uk/>

The journal of Buddhist ethics, with links to the canon on line.

5. CATHOLIC

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

Archdiocese of Westminster

www.catholic.org/

American and International Roman Catholic News

<http://farnboroughabbey.org>

A Benedictine Abbey

<http://parkminster.org.uk>

Parkminster Monastery

www.wau.org

The Word Among Us offers all kinds of basic information, including lists of the Mass readings for every day of the year and notes on an ever-expanding catalogue of holy men and women (Wesley is a recent addition).

www.taize.fr

Everything you want to know about the Taize community, with a text in English or a dozen other languages, and with great pictures. Use it for project work or planning a trip.

<http://ncronline.org>

The 'National Catholic Reporter' is a periodical published in the USA, which gives excellent coverage of news and events in the Church worldwide. Back issues remain available indefinitely on-line and well indexed making this a good place to begin research.

www.vatican.va

The official Vatican web site provides the pontiff's latest sermons and messages to all Catholics

<http://westminstercathedral.org.uk>

Cathedral website which includes an interactive tour of the Cathedral.

www.newadvent.org/cathen/

Site of the Catholic Encyclopaedia

www.internetpadre.com

A Roman Catholic resource

www.worship.ca/christmas.html

A Canadian site good for Advent calendars and Christmas resources.

www.catholic.net/rcc

A site with links to other Catholic sites

www.silk.net/RelEd/ezone1.htm

Catholic faith education newsletter

www.cesew.org.uk

The Catholic Education Service (CES) site

<http://www.maryvale.ac.uk>

Maryvale Institute Birmingham has a range of courses suitable for adults and secondary school students.

<http://www.ushaw.ac.uk/>

The CCRS is pioneered on line here.

<http://www.cdu.edu>

The Catholic Distance University based in Virginia USA offers a range of expensive courses.

www.liturgyoffice.org.uk

One of the six departments for the Catholic Bishops' Conference for England and Wales. It has support materials such as 'Spirit of the Season'.

www.hallam-diocese.com/schools/

This website posts background notes for 'Here I Am'.

<http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/>

Information about the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

www.catholicchurch.org.uk

Official site of the Catholic Church (England and Wales)

www.ComeHomeForChristmas.co.uk

Support for those returning to the Church

www.Focolare.org.uk

Promotion of a united world on Christian tenets

www.cts-online.org.uk

Catholic Truth Society web site, read about a range of interesting publications about the Catholic Faith

<http://www.thetablet.co.uk>

Latest news from the weekly Catholic newspaper

6. CHRISTIANITY

<http://www.themiraclemaker.com/>

The website of this highly acclaimed film of the Gospel Story which is available on video and DVD.

<http://www.oikoumene.org/>

World Council of Churches

<http://www.anglicansonline.org/>

All about Anglicanism

www.educhurch.org.uk

Allows students to explore the experience of being a member of three churches in Suffolk.

www.ship-of-fools.com

It describes itself as the Magazine of Christian Unrest. Its unique style will annoy some and enrapture others.

<http://www.123greetings.com>

Christian greeting cards

www.rootsontheweb.com

A joint churches' initiative supported by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland which has some suggestions for worship

7. HINDUISM

<http://www.hindunet.org/>

Gateway to the Hindu World

<http://www.hindu.org/>

Hindu Resources Online

<http://www.hindukids.org/>

Fun Activities for Hindu Children

www.mandir.org/

A great learning opportunity from the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Brentfield Road, Neasden, London NW10 8LD. 020 8965 2651 ext. 2406, booking@mandir.org

8. HUMANISM

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

9. JUDAISM

<http://www.jewish.co.uk/>

Europe's pioneering Jewish website

<http://www.maven.co.il/>

Jewish 'Yahoo' type search engine

<http://www.yadvashem.org.il/>

Holocaust education

www.spirit-staffs.co.uk/

Hanley synagogue in Stoke-on-Trent offers video clips of a tour of the Synagogue. Information is available on Passover.

www.chbad.org/tools/asktherabbi.asp

Seems to offer an opportunity to email a rabbi for free.

<http://www.asktherabbi.org>

Promises to get back in 24 hours

<http://www.askmoses.com>

Offers an online rabbi but asks that the question is 10 words or less

www.twocandles.com

Jewish festival songs for children available on CD Rom with a backing track

10. ISLAM

<http://www.islam.org/>

Teachings, news and views from Islami City

<http://www.cie.org/>

The Council on Islamic Education

<http://www.salaam.co.uk/index.php>

Information resources for Muslims, including greetings card service

<http://www.islamicart.com/>

Islamic arts and architecture. Useful source of Islamic patterns.

www.islaam.com

A comprehensive survey of the faith

www.muslimdirectory.co.uk

The Muslim Directory has a searchable database of Muslim business, organisations and mosques throughout the UK, there is an outline here of the Islamic faith and its teachings on the Five Pillars of Islam.

www.vam.ac.uk/islamicart

Useful site for teaching maths through Islamic art.

www.islamonline.net

A comprehensive presentation of what it means to be a Muslim.

11. SIKHISM

<http://www.sikhs.org/>

Sandeep Sing Brar's Sikh information web site, including virtual tour of Golden Temple.

<http://sikhnet.com/>

International Sikh Network

12. PRAYER AND LITURGY

www.rc.net/wcc/antiphon.htm

Meditations on the 'O' antiphons for Advent

www.ContemplativePrayer.net/

Guide to Contemplative prayer

www.kidsprayer.com

A prayer website where children can share experiences with other children and enhance their understanding of prayer and reflection. This provides ideas for teachers.

www.cptryon.org/

Stations of the Cross for children

www.cptryon.org/prayer/child

The Passionists offer very traditional material, including classic prayers and seasonal material for younger children, illustrated in nursery style. Effectively this is the on-line equivalent of a child's prayer book, and entertaining for those just learning to read and/or just learning their prayers.

www.WellSprings.org.uk

Variety of prayer and liturgical sources

www.wccm.org

Introduction to meditation

www.SacredSpace.ie/

10 minute daily reflection offered by the Irish Jesuits

www.goodnews.ie

The Irish Dominicans provide a thought for the day in the form a gospel commentary

www.benedictinenuns.org.uk

Up to date reflections on current feasts

www.UpperRoom.org.uk

Prayer methods

www.Universalis.com/

Join in with morning and evening prayer

www.Gratfulness.org

A range of ways to develop an attitude of gratefulness

www.PrayAsYouGo.org.uk

Daily prayer for your MP3 player

www.seekerschurch.org/liturgies

Inclusive Liturgies

www.creighton.edu/collaborativeministry/online.html

This site provides an audio retreat, stations of the cross and an online ministry

www.wccm.org/

This site is about Dame Julian of Norwich

13. ASSEMBLIES

www.assemblies.org.uk

www.natsoc.org.uk

www.culham.ac.uk

14. MISCELLANEOUS

<http://blpc.bl.uk>

The British Library catalogue is now available to everyone. It is the best way to track down full details of any book published in this country.

<http://www.tes.co.uk>

The Times Educational Supplement site which has a wide range of support for teachers

www.adherents.com

A growing collection of faith adherent statistics and religious geography citations.

<http://www.globalschoolhouse.org/index.cfm>

Global schoolhouse – communicate with others.

www.thetruelight.net

This site illuminates the similarities and differences between the eleven principal world faiths.

www.armenianchurch.org

Shows pictures of Armenian churches.

www.coptichurch.net

Coptic Liturgy

www.eteach.com/

Features teaching vacancies in Catholic schools.

<http://www.farmington.ac.uk/>

Sponsors professional development in religious education.

<http://www.smuc.ac.uk/>

St Mary's University College, Twickenham

www.canterburypottery.co.uk

Look at the Ecclesiastical section to find a range of reasonably priced pottery chalices, patens etc. in a wide range of finishes and colours

15. GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD

www.bbc.co.uk/sn/tvradio/programmes/planetearth

Planet earth explorer-interactive globe-zoom into see video clips of geographical features. Can bookmark favourite clips.

www.nineplanets.org/earch.htm/

Click on pictures to enlarge and download/print

<http://livingearth.com>

Click on 'interactive earth' to see earth from different angles.

www.mgardens.org

Find out about Mary gardens here

www.gardenstrusts.org.uk

Some interesting ideas for gardens in schools

www.quietgarden.co.uk/

Local opportunities for prayer, silence, reflection and the appreciation of beauty

www.growingschools.org.uk

Case studies of school garden projects

www.stmarydehaura.org.uk

Information on medieval gardens-especially one dedicated to Mary

16. MUSIC

www.onemoretime.biz

CDs of reflective music can be purchased here

17. ART

<http://www.biblical-art.com>

A range of famous art associated with biblical stories

<http://www.paintedchurch.org/>

A collection of church paintings including a 15th century Trinity

www.nationalgallery.org.uk/

A huge range of beautiful paintings which illustrate scenes from Scripture