



## Excellence in teaching Christianity



Friday 14th March 2014 09.30—15.30

Ofsted reports consistently suggest that the teaching of Christianity is the weakest of our teaching about any of the major world faiths. How can RE teachers best address this issue?

**Intended Audience:** RE coordinators in church and community schools.

**Purpose:** responding to recent Ofsted reports and national concerns this course will focus on 'how can we improve the teaching of Christianity in RE'. This practical course will:

- look at the causes of these weaknesses but will focus on providing strategies and practical ideas to enable excellence in teaching Christianity
- it will cover the latest developments and ideas to reverse this trend and provide you with ideas and resources you can use in the classroom
- it will help you meet the expectations of SIAMS and of Ofsted in relation to the teaching of Christianity
- it will help you plan where the teaching of Christianity and RE in general fits with the new national curriculum

**Course Content:**

- what are the weaknesses in teaching Christianity?
- planning high quality learning about and from Christianity
- methods and resources for teaching Christianity
- how to ensure that our teaching reflects Christianity as a worldwide faith as lived by Christians today, especially by Christian young people today.

**Intended Outcomes:**

- you will be informed about the issues surrounding the quality of teaching of Christianity in RE and how this sits within a developing curriculum.
- you will have enhanced your practice and planning and so be better resourced to improve the teaching of Christianity in RE.

**Course Leaders:** Derek Holloway, Adviser for RE and SIAMS Manager  
Verity Holloway, Adviser for RE

**Venue:** Diocesan education Centre, Wilton

**Cost:** PSA 2 Credits Non PSA £180 inc. VAT for the first attendee;

**OFFER** PSA 1 Credit Non PSA £90 inc. VAT for the second attendee;





## Why Narnia?

### A Barnabas RE inset session for primary school teachers

**Intended Audience:** RE coordinators, RE teachers, PPA RE teachers, HLTA'S teaching RE

**Course Leaders:** 'Barnabas in schools'

**Content:** They will be providing training on their latest resource '**Teaching Narnia**'. This will always be a practical session crammed full of ideas for use in the classroom.

From their website....

Drawing on C.S. Lewis's classic series, Teaching Narnia provides a wealth of creative and interactive ideas for use in the classroom and in collective worship. The Narnia books are an important part of Christian and literary heritage in the UK, with teaching applications beyond RE and Literacy to PSHE and Citizenship and a number of other curriculum areas. They help children to explore and develop their worldview, tackling big questions such as: What is really real?, How do we see the world?, Who is in charge of the world?, Is God really good?, Does he exist at all?, What happens after death?, How do we know what is right and wrong? and What can we learn from history?

Comments from previous 'Barnabas in Schools' led sessions:

*'an excellent session that inspired me so that I will be able to use resources and ideas'  
'really, really useful—simple but very thoughtful ideas—will definitely be using some in school'  
'a great mix of listen, do, interact, think, reflect, ponder, learn, learn, enjoy, enjoy! Thank you!'*

**Cost:** **FREE**, although limited places, Booking will be on a 'first come, first served basis' with a maximum of 2 places per school.

**Venue/Date:** This 2 hour course will run twice - once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Please indicate which you would prefer to attend when you book.

DATE	VENUE	TIME
3rd February 2014	Diocesan Education Centre, Wilton	09.45 - 12.00
3rd February 2014	Diocesan Education Centre, Wilton	13.15 - 15.30

