

Foreword

I want to salute the enthusiasm and professional commitment to the Chairing of Bournemouth's SACRE of my predecessor, Lynda Forde Horne. She cares about RE with an infectious passion which has translated into robust and well-focused meetings, impacting optimally on the RE provision in the schools of our Borough. Further, Lynda has hung-in there as Chair for longer than usual to guide and inspire the process of joining in happy and fruitful collaboration the two SACREs of Bournemouth and Poole. Huge gratitude for a demanding job well done!

As the Boroughs join in April next year there is much that is, inevitably, still unclear. We must just live with that for the time being.

However, what will not change is the rich opportunity for grounding RE more fully in collaboration for the common good of each town, hence my presentation on 8th November, at SACRE, of materials for this purpose developed by the trust 'Together for the Common Good – T4CG'. There is a lot that SACREs can learn from common good thinking – and it is action-based thinking, reflecting on action, and leading to further, united, action for the benefit of the whole community. Mutual respect is key, and this can only be built on a combination of accurate knowledge grounded in living communities of faith.

To that end, I am delighted to welcome the Rev'd Kate Sax who will offer a tried and tested resource for learning about the Christian sacred text, the Bible, 'Opening the Book'.

Of course, at the centre of our purpose as SACRE we want to better resource all who are teaching RE in our schools, recognising that most do so without the benefit of subject specialist training, at least, as a first subject. We shall ask our consultants, to whom we are grateful, to focus particularly on how we can best resource those sharp needs of non-specialist RE teachers.

Patricia Hannam's most recent book, 'Religious Education and the Public Sphere', is being launched (even whilst we meet on 8th Nov) at Winchester University, and it's ground-breaking approach is one from which we will be able to learn.

Interfaith mutual respect is excellent in Bournemouth and Rabbi Maurice Michaels and I will enjoy celebrating that mutual respect together on Interfaith Sunday, 18th November, when he kindly gives the main address at the 10am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's, Bournemouth. All are welcome.

I look forward to building on the good work of the past and to working in close friendly collaboration with Fr Michael Camp and Poole SACRE. There are exciting times ahead!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynda Forde Horne', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Composition of Bournemouth SACRE

Committee A (representatives of such Christian or other religious denominations which reflect the principal traditions within the Borough of Bournemouth)

Rob Lawton - Baha’i
Vacancy - Buddhism
Bharati Joshi - Hinduism
Dr Hammadi Nait-Charif - Islam
Rita Satti - Islam
Romana Kamal - Islam
Lynda Ford-Horne - Judaism
Peter Thomson - Roman Catholicism
Tirlochan Lall - Sikhism

Committee B (Church of England)

Rev.Dr. Ian Terry - Diocese of Winchester
Rev Stu Miller - Diocese of Winchester
Stephen Chappell - Diocese of Winchester
Alison Harris - Diocese of Salisbury
Jane Kelly – Diocese of Portsmouth

Committee C (School representatives)

Naomi Gill - secondary school representative
Ian Harris – secondary representative
Ruth Lawrence - primary school representative
Vacancy - special school representative.

Committee D (Elected members)

Cllr Chris Wakefield
Cllr Blair Crawford
Cllr Nicola Greene
Co-opted member – Sally Hawksworth - Humanism

Introduction

The Autumn Term 2017 saw schools begin the first year of the new Bournemouth and Poole Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education, which reflected on many collaborations from all areas of the school and local communities. The process of reviewing the joint Bournemouth and Poole RE syllabus took much of the previous year with regular consultations and meetings. This process brought the two SACREs closer together and the decision was made to meet together to help provide support to schools and teachers in both areas, this makes sense from a financial point as well as both authorities are using the same syllabus and are dealing with similar issues. The SACREs have now had a full cycle of meetings together.

The embedding of the new syllabus coincided with a time of renewed discussion in the academic world about Religious Education, how it is delivered, how content is decided, how it is assessed and indeed the very purpose of it. With the Commission on RE delivering its final report it is important that Bournemouth

SACRE is fully aware of the developments and takes opportunities to be heard and to encourage and facilitate high quality RE in the current and future educational landscape.

Bournemouth SACRE continues to keep in touch with schools and teachers and tailors its yearly plans to meet and support their needs to keep pushing RE learning forward. The SACRE listens to teachers whenever possible through the teacher representatives and presentations to SACREs about a variety of issues. SACRE aspires to have greater contact in future if the budget allows.

Teacher network meetings

Termly network meetings have unfortunately not been supported by the budget this year – it is hoped that these may be re-instated next year as they are a vital lifeline for primary teachers in particular, offering an opportunity to share ideas and resources, discuss local and national issues and seek support and continuing professional development (CPD). Some other networks have been run out of the Portsmouth diocese, but these have been independent of SACRE and links to SACRE have not been sought. It is a possibility that SACRE linked network meetings or new subject leader training events may be made available again, but it is dependent on numbers and available funding.

Summary of issues raised over the year

Three meetings were held during the year, on Tuesday November 21st, 2017, Thursday 8th March 2018 and Monday 11th June 2018.

At these meetings the following issues were discussed.

- The initial and ongoing process of joining with Poole SACRE to provide support to Bournemouth and Poole
- Holocaust Memorial Day – local events and educational resources
- The Annual SACRE report
- Exam results
- The Commission on RE – interim report and looking ahead to the final recommendations
- Resources for schools i.e. the Understanding Christianity resource
- School support – including potential networks
- Collective Worship – including the setting up of a focus group
- Greater engagement between schools and faith communities
- A presentation on Farmington fellowships by Ruth Lawrence
- A presentation from Heather Torrens, Head of Spirituality across the Ocean Learning Academy Trust
- The SW Advisers of RE conference at Dillington in March
- The NASACRE AGM in London – keynote speeches and direction for the following year.

Exam results

The results for KS4 will hopefully be released to the adviser early in November

Key Stage 5

The results for KS5 will hopefully be released to the adviser early in December

A/S Level

A level

DR 24th October 2018