

## WELCOME TO THE RELIGIOUS RESOURCES CENTRE

If you're a teacher, student or somebody engaged in ministry or religious education then we are here to support you – we are the biggest Religious Resources Centre in England, with sites in Durham and North Shields, over 37,000 resources and specialised training available to our members, the RRC itself is an invaluable resource.

### WHEN WE ARE OPEN

Monday to Friday 10.00am – 5.30pm

*Closed for lunch 12.30pm – 1.30pm*

### Saturdays

Our Saturday opening times are 9.30am to 1.00pm at both sites on the following dates (please phone to confirm):

2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
No Saturday opening in January	No Saturday opening in August
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2018
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
7 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018
5 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018	No Saturday opening in January

*Please Note: The Religious Resources Centre is closed on bank holidays, and over the Christmas and Easter periods.*

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### Membership Fees

<b>Individual Memberships</b>	
Individual	£25.50
Concessionary <sup>1</sup>	£13.50
Students (12-18)	FREE
ARK Children's Club (under 12s)	FREE

<sup>1</sup> Full time students, the unwaged, and people over 65 qualify for concessionary membership – please bring proof that you qualify for concessionary membership on your first visit.

<b>Group Memberships</b>		
<b>Size</b>	<b>Church</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>School</b> <sup>3</sup>
Small Group (up to 4 members)	£65.00	£81.00
Medium Group (from 5-8 members)	£96.00	£120.00
Large Group (from 9-12 members)	£125.00	£150.00

<sup>2</sup> These rates also apply to other faith-based groups.  
<sup>3</sup> These rates also apply to other educational establishments.

### Conditions of Membership

- You are expected to bring your membership card with you each time you borrow
- You agree to return all items by the due-date or pay the fines incurred<sup>4</sup>
- You are entirely responsible for the items borrowed on your account - we trust you will take care of the resources you borrow
- You agree to be responsible for replacement costs for any resources that are lost or damaged whilst on loan to your account
- You agree to inform us of any change of personal details, or any problems with your borrowing

<sup>4</sup> Please see the last page of brochure for details of our overdues processes.

## Benefits of Membership

**Adult Members** may borrow up to ten items at any one time of which five may be videos or DVDs.

**ARK - Children's Club Members** may borrow up to five items at any one time of which one may be a video or DVD.

Members of the RRC are part of a community in the North East, and worldwide, committed to improving and developing religious education, learning and literacy.

We welcome applications for membership from individuals, groups and organisations.

Membership of the RRC confers particular benefits including:

- Joining a **network** of committed individuals, groups and organisations working in many different contexts and from many different faith perspectives
- Access to a team of resources **specialists** who, if they cannot find what you need, may be able to work with you to produce new, exclusive, bespoke resources that will work in your context
- Borrowing rights to our extensive collection of over **37,000 resources** – adult members may borrow up to ten items at a time for a period of up to three months
- Free access to our networking events and training including **Conversations@theRRC** and **RE-Vitalise**
- Free access to our exclusive **database** of the North Eastern faith community members and groups with whom we work. This information is updated regularly
- Free access to our **Online Forums** (both for the **Parish** and **Schools** designed to support teachers and those engaged in ministry with resources and contacts to improve and develop their work and ministry
- Free access to our forthcoming online book and film clubs
- Discounted resource ordering **service**
- Members can **request** uniquely tailored resource-based training sessions for their schools, churches and other organisations

## More Than Books: What Can We Offer You?

### **An excellent loan service:**

All of our resources are vetted by our staff to ensure they are accurate, of good quality and accessible.

**We will help you find what you are looking for!** Our collection is extensive and covers a range of media including books, DVDs, posters, CDs, topic boxes, Godly Play sets, early years and foundation stage toys and much, much more. **We will listen to what you need and do our best to help you find the items that will achieve your aims.**

Our collection reflects our Christian foundation but also the multi-faith communities found in our region.

### **Unique, Bespoke & Specialist Resources:**

We have collections of **authentic artefacts**, beautifully packed and labelled, for many of the faith communities found in our region.

We have developed (and continue to develop) **Topic Boxes** on a variety of themes which may be used for Religious Education with **any** of the syllabuses used in the North East. For details search 'Topic Box' on the **online catalogue**. When you find what you'd like, contact us and make a booking – some topic boxes are very popular and may be booked months in advance!

We have created **unique resources** to tell the stories of St Cuthbert, the Northern Saints, World Christianity and Pentecost. We have lots more in the development stage, for more details on what is coming and to ensure that you're always up to date with our new stock, members can sign up to receive our '**New Additions**' e-mail.

We have an extensive collection of **Godly Play sets**.

If you are looking for a new way to teach Bible stories this may be for you. Using a Montessori based technique, wooden figures and scripts, Godly Play encourages a **creative, wondering** approach to sacred text. Our Godly Play set collection is **excellent** and we work with our superb regional Godly Play Practitioners to ensure that each meets national Godly Play recommendations. Each set can be borrowed for up to six weeks. Booking is recommended in order to avoid disappointment.

Our members **drive us forward**, We are developing new resources all the time to meet their needs. When you join the Religious Resources Centre you become part of a network of people working collaboratively for the benefit of all.

### **An extensive academic theology collection:**

We hold and maintain an **up-to-date, extensive academic theology library** supporting Christian ministerial training and development. Subjects covered include biblical study, philosophy, ethics, church history and biography. The collection is available to all Religious Resources Centre members including A level Students who may borrow for FREE.

## **ARK – Children’s Club**

If you are looking for resources to **entertain, stimulate and develop** your child’s faith then look no further! We have a prolific collection of books, DVDs, soft toys, play sets and much more for children. As a member of our children’s club, **ARK**, junior members get their own membership card and borrowing rights, a small gift each time they borrow and the opportunity to take part in our ARK activities and competitions. Ark membership is **FREE** providing the sponsoring adult is already a member.

## **Books to Order Service**

Sometimes our members see something they’d like to own, in our stock or somewhere else, but they don’t have time to hunt it down and order it. **We can do this for you!** We offer our members **discounted** prices whenever possible. Ordering is simple: print out an order form, complete the details of your request and e-mail, post or deliver it to us as soon as you can.

## **Consultancy:**

If you are

- a teacher who would like to develop your subject knowledge or expand the resources you use in school
- a youth leader looking to develop your skills and bring in new approaches
- the co-ordinator of a children’s group in Church who wishes you had more creative ideas and activities to offer?
- the leader of a small group that wants to move their Bible study into more interesting and challenging places

Look no further!

**If you lack confidence in what you do, or wish to hone the skills you have, come and see us for a consultation!**

Our staff will be able to help you with your religious resource need, no matter how simple or complex. We can offer **individual and group** sessions. Please let us know what you need and to see how we can support you.

## **Exhibitions**

We have **specialist resources** on the **Holocaust** including some **unique photographic exhibitions** based around the art of Paul Eggleston.

**‘They’re Only Pictures’** toured venues in the North East (including Sunderland Minster, Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals) and **‘Witness’** has been featured in several schools and Colleges of Higher Education. These exhibitions are **FREE** to Religious Resources Centre members. For more information please see our catalogue or contact us.

## **We are Hospitable**

At each of our sites you can **relax** and investigate the resources. You are usually offered a **drink** if you are staying with us for a length of time. Each site has **wi-fi** if you’d like to bring your own device but we also have at least one computer available for the use of our members.

Our online catalogue will help you navigate the resources and we offer **printing and photocopying** support at reasonable prices.

If you are a group wishing to visit but you can't come when we are open, contact us, we may be able to open just for you!

### **Can't find what you're looking for?**

**Ask us.** We welcome contact from members who are looking for something we don't have. If it will be of use to other members, is something that we think we really should have for our stock then we will probably **order it in for you** and you get to use it first! To make a request for a new resource please contact us.

### **Gifts and Donations**

If you would like to help us develop our work or expand our resources we would love to hear from you. The Religious Resources Centre welcomes gifts and donations that are in line with our Gifts Policy. If you are considering making a donation please read our policy first.

### **Events and Training**

Members can attend our regular events and training sessions:

- **RE-Vitalise**

RE-Vitalise sessions are an opportunity for you (as a group or individually) to work with RRC staff to revitalise any aspect of RE or learning in schools and parishes. RE-Vitalise Sessions are tailored to the needs of members. All RE-Vitalise sessions are **FREE** for RRC members (£15 per session for non-members).

- **Conversations@theRRC**

If you like to meet people, engage with their experiences and views or explore new ideas you might like to attend a Conversation@theRRC.

These sessions are usually begun by our guest speaker giving a short introduction on the given theme or topic and then, we open it up to everyone present, explore different responses and points of view, valuing what each attendee brings to the conversation. Attendance is FREE for Religious Resources Centre members. Non-members will be charged £5 per session.

### **Engage on the Website**

- **We're Thinking About**

The *We're Thinking About...* part of our site offers our members the opportunity to engage with a theme that we have been asked about and that we think is worth spending a little time mulling over.

These forums will contain an introduction to the topic, some recommended resources and some questions for discussion and debate.

- **School and Parish Forums**

These forums have been created at the request of our members. In our schools forums particular focus is the discussion of topics on Religious Education syllabuses. We hope that you will enjoy them and treat them with the respect that we think they deserve. If you would like to suggest an additional forum that would be of benefit to you and our other members, please let us know.

# Making the Most of Our Online Catalogue

Religious Resources Centre Online Catalogue

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Search library catalogue

Search in: All fields | Search terms: | Media type: All media

Simple | Search | Clear

Please log in

Reader code:

P.I.N. (required):

Login

Tweets

Follow

RRC @ReligiousRC 23h

Our first Conversation@theRRC at our Stonebridge site the Revd Lissa Gibbons on Vicars in Fiction. Fabulous... fb.me/6YD7be8Fi

Tweet to @ReligiousRC

Library opening times

Today	10:00 - 17:30
Thursday	10:00 - 17:30
Friday	10:00 - 17:30
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed
Monday	10:00 - 17:30

Our online catalogue can be accessed by members and non-members alike – follow the link at the right hand side of any page on our website. Non-members will be able to search for any of the physical-resources we hold in stock but to get the most out of the catalogue, members will need to log in – simply enter your reader code (found on your membership card) and PIN in the area shown above – this will provide additional access to:

- Our *People and Places* directory – search results will include both faith-based and cultural contacts to assist with RE within the North East (and further afield)
- Catalogue records of websites, online resources and documents that we think our members will find useful and/or interesting
- Their account details and settings – including information about their current loans and any reservations they have awaiting collection

## **Our Overdues Policy and Procedure**

- You will be informed by e-mail when you have items due for return within the next four open days.
- Overdue items will incur a fine of fifteen pence per item per day, except bookable items which have an additional one-off charge of £5 for late return.
- We will let you know by e-mail when your loans are more than seven days overdue.
- If we have not heard from you after 27 overdue days we will invoice you for the replacement costs and any fines.

### **Please note:**

- The Religious Resources Centre is a not for profit, registered charity.
- We charge fines to encourage the agreed return of borrowed items and ensure that our stock is made available for those who want to borrow it.
- We reserve the right to suspend borrowing privileges if your items are outstanding or you have unpaid charges until all items are returned and charges paid.
- **All money from fines and charges is spent on new resources for the Centre.**