



London Diocesan Board for Schools

Books & Resources

November 2007 – Book Reviews – New Publications

Foundation, KS1 & KS2

‘Exploring Holy Communion in Primary Schools’ by Shahne Vickery & Catherine Coster

Published by Jumping Fish Publications

www.glosdioc.org.uk

ISBN 0 9556 6111 2

- Produced by the Diocese of Gloucester to support teaching about Holy Communion.
- There is a simple lesson for each year in the Primary School.
- This pack contains guidance on introducing a Eucharist into school for the first time as well as guidance on the actual service.
- There is a simple children’s liturgy which has been approved by the Bishop of Gloucester for use in Gloucester schools.
- The pack provides useful support material particularly for any schools wanting to introduce Eucharistic worship.

KS4, Sixth Form & Teachers

‘User’s Guide to Science and Belief’ by Michael Poole

Price: 6.99

Published by Lion

ISBN 0 7459 5274 1

- A new addition to the ‘Questions of Faith’ series.
- Provides some robust arguments to Richard Dawkins assertions.
- Examines critically the theories of creationism and intelligent design and explores the nature of faith.
- A challenging but constructive read and because it is less than half the size of the average novel it is not too daunting.

‘User’s Guide to Christian Belief’ by Mark Stibbe

Price: £6.99

Published by Lion

ISBN 0 7459 5231 4

- Part of the Questions of Faith series.
- This book has been written from a particular Christian stance (charismatic renewal) and so needs to be read with that in mind.
- I found many things in it that I questioned and for that very reason it could provoke lively discussion.

Teachers

‘REthinking 16 – Religion and science - seeing with both eyes’ by Susanna Hookway

The Stapleford Centre

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ISBN 1 9022 3461 8

- Of the 16 books in this series that I have reviewed this is ‘my favourite’ so far.
- The title is a quotation of John Polkinghorne who is both an eminent Cambridge physicist and an Anglican priest. His books and articles on theology are always worth reading.
- This booklet presents a clear rationale for not just the teaching of RE but for how we teach RE. It also answers the rantings of such people as Richard Dawkins.
- There are good examples of work to be done with older primary children and secondary students on exploring the issue of truth and evidence.
- Highly recommended.

‘Spirited Poetry: Reflections about God, Life and Faith’ *edited by* Lat Blaylock

Published by RMEP

ISBN 1 8517 5348 2

- A collection of poems and pictures that won the ‘Spirited Poetry’ Competition for schools.
- The themes are God, Life and Faith.
- The anthology is a source of ideas and inspirations for work in the classroom for RE and literacy.
- I was inspired by the pictures that had been included and thought that they would be a very good stimulus for a project.