

# St Giles' Centre Blog Newsletter

Supporting teaching and learning in Wrexham



**Dear Colleagues,**

We think it is safe to say that for most of us, this has been the most challenging year of our teaching careers to date. You have worked tirelessly and compassionately to ensure that your learners have progressed and achieved their potential, and that their health and wellbeing have not suffered in the process. You are amazing and we thank you for sticking with it!

As promised, here is the summer newsletter featuring some of the most recent highlights from our online blog in case you missed them this term. It is packed with information relevant to RE and RVE that we feel is important, including signposts to resources, professional learning opportunities and both recent and current consultations.

We hope that you find the Newsletter helpful, in addition to what the St Giles' Centre has already provided this term, and we look forward to working with you next academic year.

Wishing you all a very happy and well-deserved summer break.

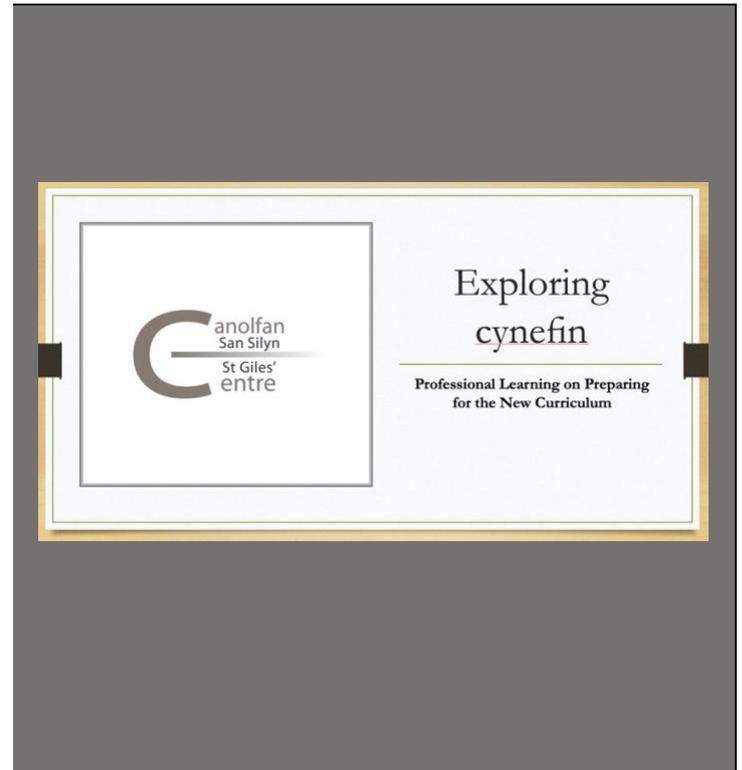
**Libby and Tania**

## EXPLORING CYNEFIN: THE ST GILES' CENTRE OFFERS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

On 7 July 2021, a group of RE specialist teachers and leaders from Wrexham and Flintshire met to explore *cynefin* in the new curriculum for Wales. The aims of the session were: to support preparation for the new curriculum; to begin to uncover and deepen our ... (*Blog: 14 July 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/07/14/exploring-cynefin-the-st-giles-centre-offers-professional-learning-opportunity/>




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## CONSULTATION FOR CURRICULUM FOR WALES RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS (RVE) GUIDANCE: WREXHAM SACRE RESPONSE

Thank you to all of you who shared with us views about the draft Curriculum for Wales Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) Guidance Consultation. (*Blog: 12 July 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/07/12/consultation-for-curriculum-for-wales-religion-values-and-ethics-rve-guidance-wrexham-sacre-response/>

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## WELSH VERSION OF CHALLENGING RELIGIOUS ISSUES 18 NOW PUBLISHED

Issue 18 of the open access A-level journal, *Challenging Religious Issues* is now available for download from the St Giles' Centre website. Articles discuss... (*Blog: 30 June 2021*)

Read more ...

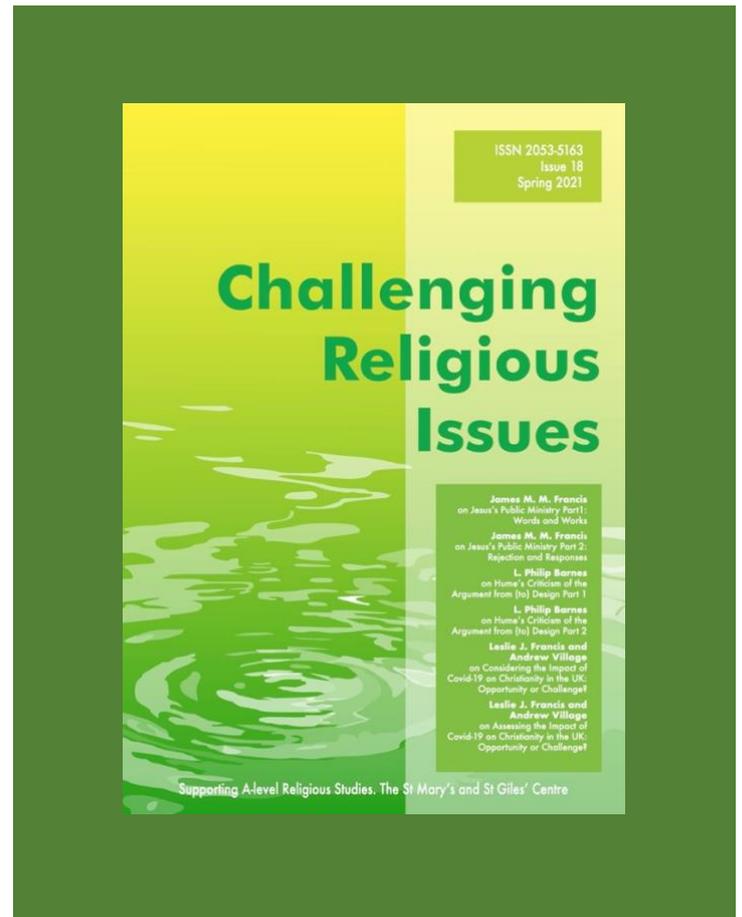
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## NEW ISSUE OF A-LEVEL RELIGIOUS STUDIES JOURNAL NOW AVAILABLE: CHALLENGING RELIGIOUS ISSUES

Issue 18 of the open access A-level journal, *Challenging Religious Issues* is now available for download from the St Giles' Centre website. Articles discuss: Jesus' public ministry; Hume's criticism of the argument from (to) design; the impact of Covid-19 on Christianity in the UK. (*Blog: 7 June 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/06/07/new-issue-of-a-level-religious-studies-journal-now-available-challenging-religious-issues/>

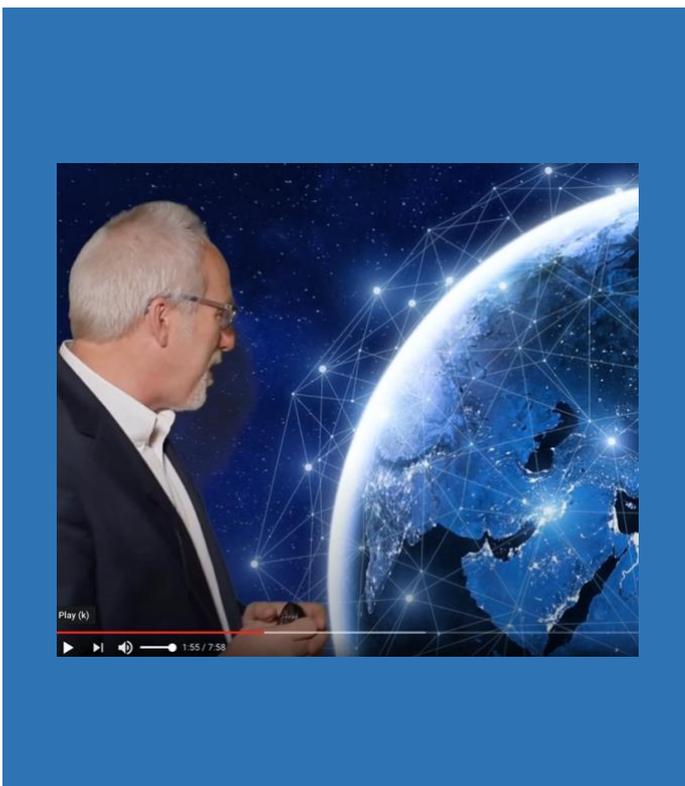


## WHY RE (RVE) IS RELEVANT THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES: NEW WEBINAR FOR 14- TO 16-YEAR- OLD LEARNERS

The St Giles' Centre is pleased to offer teachers and learners a new thought-provoking webinar designed to promote discussion and subject interest in statutory RE (RVE) lessons. The webinar has been created for the St Giles' Centre by Dr Greg Barker and is part of ... (*Blog: 27 May 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/05/27/why-re-rve-is-relevant-throughout-our-lives-new-webinar-for-14-to-16-year-old-learners/>



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## WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON GUIDANCE FOR RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS NOW OPEN

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On Friday, 21 May 2021, the Welsh Government's public consultation on the draft Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) guidance opened. Everyone who has an interest in Religious Education (now renamed Religion, Values and Ethics) is being encouraged to engage with the consultation and to submit their responses. *(Blog: 21 May 2021)*

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/05/21/welsh-government-consultation-on-guidance-for-religion-values-and-ethics-now-open/>

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## CELEBRATING THE WELSH BIBLE TRANSLATORS: A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR SCHOOLS

The Diocese of St Asaph has released a special bilingual service for schools to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into Welsh, an achievement that has had such a significant impact for society and culture in Wales. The film makes many natural links with local place (cynefin)... *(Blog: 17 May 2021)*

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/05/17/celebrating-the-welsh-bible-translators-a-special-service-for-schools/>

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## **MORE LEARNER WEBINARS TO SUPPORT GCSE AND A-LEVEL RELIGIOUS STUDIES!**

Learners and teachers in Wrexham now have access to another set of pre-recorded webinar material, led by Dr Greg Barker and provided by the St Giles' Centre. (*Blog: 4 May 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/05/04/more-learner-webinars-to-support-gcse-and-a-level-religious-studies/>

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## **WREXHAM SACRE RESPONSE: QUALIFICATIONS WALES CONSULTATION**

Thank you to all of you who shared with us views about the future of qualifications in Wales. Your voice matters and the St Giles' Centre is committed to sharing Wrexham experiences and opinions at local and national levels. (*Blog: 4 May 2021*)

Read more ...

<https://stgilescentre.org/2021/05/04/wrexham-sacre-response-qualifications-wales-consultation/>

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