

Topic of the Month (April 2026)

Topic of the Month helps spark discussion in Religious Studies at Key Stages 4 and 5 by highlighting its relevance today. Use the selected news article and discussion prompts to support your teaching.



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Introduction

This topic relates to an article, produced for World Religion News* entitled “Women of Faith and Freedom Mark March 8” It relates to women’s role in strengthening faith communities and defending freedom of religion or belief globally.

[\(Read the full article from World Religion News\)](#)

Discussion prompts

- How do women influence religious communities today?
- How does the role of women in the Church differ between the different Christian denominations?
- How do faith and human rights intersect?
- Why is freedom of religion or belief important?
- Why is it important that the role of women in religion is recognised?

Specification links:

- **GCSE:**
 - Religion and Equality (Gender roles, human rights, freedom of religion)
 - Religion and Human Rights (Social justice, equality, and discrimination)
- **A Level:**
 - Religion and Society (Gender, feminism, and religious freedom)
 - Interfaith Dialogue and Pluralism

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