

Religious Studies Topic of the Month

October 2024

How do we show love to our neighbours?

Topic of the month aims to stimulate discussion at Key Stages 4 and 5 and bring religion to life. This can be achieved by considering religion's relevance in our vast modern world. We have selected a current news article, which you may wish to read and integrate into your teaching practice, using the discussion prompts provided.



Disclaimer:

This topic relates to an article, written for East Anglia Bylines* and is entitled "How Diss is becoming a 'Town of Sanctuary'".

Introduction

This article refers to Diss, a town in Norfolk, and its efforts to become a welcoming and supportive community for refugees and asylum seekers.

[\(Click here to access the article\)](#)

Discussion prompts

- How does Diss demonstrate 'love for one's neighbour'?
- In what ways can religious communities contribute to the success of sanctuary initiatives in towns like Diss?
- What challenges might Diss face in its efforts to support refugees and asylum seekers, and how can these be addressed?
- How does the concept of sanctuary reflect broader themes of social justice and human rights in religious studies?
- How can educational institutions in Diss promote understanding and acceptance of refugees among students?

Links to topics featured in our specifications:

- **GCSE:**
 - Living the Catholic/Christian life
 - Catholic Social Teaching
 - Equality
- **A-Level:**
 - Equality