

# Religious Studies Topic of the Month

## September 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 show love for 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 Christian life
  - Catholic Social Teachings
  - Equality
- **A-Level:**
  - Religion and Ethics
  - Topic Equality