

# Open the Book/ICE Torbay Newsletter

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The Open the Book training day in August saw a further 46 people trained up to take Open the Book assemblies from Torbay & South Hams. The following schools now have Open the Book teams:

Kings Ash Academy	Roselands Primary	Sacred Heart
Curledge Street Academy	Barton Hill Academy	St Marychurch
Upton St James Primary	Collaton St Mary	Marldon Primary
Dartington Primary	St John's Totnes	Harbertonford Primary

The following schools would like a team of Open the Book storytellers to help with their assemblies on a weekly or fortnightly basis:

Eden Park Primary	Brixham Primary	All Saints Babbacombe
Watcombe Primary	Abbey School	Hayes School

If you are able to help on a team with any of these schools, or would like someone to come to your church to talk about Open the Book, please contact Gemma on the details below. For more information about Open the Book, you can also visit their [website](#).

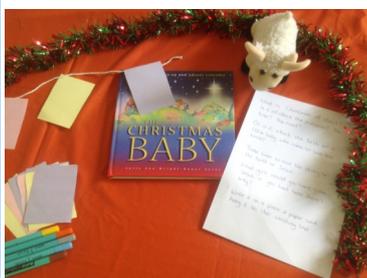
### ICE Torbay



ICE Torbay is an exciting new project for primary schools in the local area. ICE stands for 'Initiative in Christian Education' and offers clubs, lessons and special events to Torbay primary schools. Our mission statement is 'giving every young person the opportunity to explore and understand the Christian faith'.

### bringing faith to life

At the start of the new school year, a number of people from churches across Torbay met together to pray for children & young people as they started back at school, and for activities run by local churches and organisations as they restarted after a break for the summer. We hope to meet at the start of each school term.



In the run up to Christmas, we are offering a Christmas Prayer Space. This will enable children to explore faith and spirituality from a Christian perspective in a safe, creative and interactive way. The prayer space will enable children to think about why Christmas is important to Christians and reflect on what Christmas means for them. Life is busy, and we rarely get to stop, switch off and just 'be'. This project encourages pupils to pause and be still for a while; to be silent, listen and think about Christmas.

If you would like to be involved in helping to set up and run a prayer space in your local primary school, please contact Gemma on the details below. For more information about Prayer Spaces in Schools, visit their [website](#).



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## Important Dates

### Christians Together in Torquay

Come and find out what Open the Book is all about and how you can support the work of Open the Book in Torbay. **Wednesday 19th November 2014**, 7pm at Abbey Roman Catholic Church.



**Open the Book Awareness Week** 7-14th February 2015



### Back to School with God

Come and pray at the start of term for children and young people as they go back to school, and for activities run by churches and organisations that restart after the Christmas break. **Monday 5th January 2015**, 7.30pm at Mount Olive, Torquay.

### Celebration Evening

A time to come together and celebrate what God is doing in Torbay primary schools. **Tuesday 10th February 2015**, 7.30pm at Great Parks Chapel, Paignton.

## Support

There are 3 main ways you can support the local primary schools work:

**Practical:** Open the Book storytellers & ICE Torbay volunteers are needed across the local area. If you would like to be involved in any way, contact Gemma for more information.

**Financial:** The work of Open the Book Torbay & ICE Torbay is funded by South Devon Evangelical Trust, and your financial support, whether as a one off donation or a regular gift is vital for the work to continue. Gift Aid forms are available.

**Spiritual:** Please pray for the work & sign up to the monthly prayer diary. You can also get updates on the [Facebook page](#).

## Prayer

- Pray for the new Open the Book teams that have started/ will be starting this term.
- Pray for the Prayer Spaces in Schools project—that schools will be open to it and that children & staff will enjoy learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas.
- Pray for more Open the Book teams—that we will be able to meet the requests of those schools who are asking for teams.
- Pray for Christian teachers & support staff in Torbay primary schools
- Thank God for all the churches, trusts and individuals who support Open the Book & ICE practically, spiritually & financially.



**Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.**  
**Colossians 4:2**

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