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Shap recognised in the early 2000s the growing importance of the Internet and the need for a web presence. There had been a very rudimentary on-line presence but this needed to be developed and updated. Paul Hopkins was asked to tender and design a web presence for Shap and to think about the content that could be developed. The initial plan was to make available some of the great resources that Shap had produced, especially the journal and to consider a move from print to electronic editions of the journal.

This initial development was successfully completed and Paul Hopkins was invited to join the working party to offer support and advice in the field of on-line religious education. Among other things this led to the development of the website to its present state and the move from a print based calendar that was losing significant amount of money to an eCalendar and printed wallchart which has brought the working party back into profit.

An **archive of the current website** (March 2019) can be found on this compendium by double clicking on the <u>index.html</u> link in the contents section in the link for the website (number 30). The current website has a number of core sections:

About Details of the current and extant members of the working group,

Journals This is the complete collection of the journals from 1978 until the final edition in

2009/10. Over 650 articles either in scanned or PDF format can be accessed,

Audio Glossary This collection of audio files offers the most comprehensive resource to offer

support the vocabulary used in religious education; a member of the appropriate

faith group speaks the words,

The Calendar A history of the calendar alongside the current version of the faith calendar,

Shap Award Reports on the award winners from 1988 to the final awards in 2014

Shap Archive Details about the extensive archive that has been deposited in the Bodleian

library

When the working party closes in the summer of 2019 many of these functions will remain on the website though a change of name may occur.

Paul HOPKINS - Webmeister - 2010 to present