

# Christianity and Islam



The cross is the symbol for Christianity and the star inside the crescent moon is the symbol for Islam.



St Peter's Church in Yateley



The Shah Jehan Mosque in Woking

## Christianity

Christianity is the religion with the most followers in the world; almost a third of the world's population are Christians. Like Jews and Muslims, Christians believe in just one God who created the world and all that is in it. Christians follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, a preacher and healer who lived in the Middle East more than 2000 years ago. Christians believe that Jesus was the Son of God, sent down to earth to save people by dying on the cross and taking the punishment for their sins. It is through looking at Jesus's life and example that Christians believe they can learn what God is like.

In this topic you will:

- Explain what sacred means and why a place can be sacred.
- Explain the features of a church and a mosque which create a sense of the sacred.
- Explain the significance of sacred place for different people.
- Explain your own understanding of a sacred place for you.
- Explain how and why people show that a place is sacred to them.

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### Islam

Islam is the world's second-largest religion. People who follow the religion of Islam are called Muslims and there are around 1.6 billion Muslims in the world. Like Christians and Jews, Muslims are monotheistic, which means they only believe in one God who they call Allah, the Arabic name for God. Islam was founded in the Middle East over 1400 years ago by a man named Muhammad who gave Allah's message to the people on Earth and introduced the faith of Islam.

### Key vocabulary

- Worship** - To give God or a god praise and respect.
- Altar** - the table used for the Eucharist.
- Iman**
- Church** - A building where Christians worship God.
- Eucharist** - the main religious ritual in many churches. The word means thanksgiving; in the service bread and wine are shared.
- Lectern** - a stand in church from which the Bible is read.
- Lord's Prayer** - a prayer said by most Christians, in based on a prayer Jesus taught his disciples.
- Priest** - the name given to the person who leads Christian services (other names for the person who performs this role include vicar, minister and chaplain).
- Allah** - the Arabic word for God.
- Five Pillars** - the five acts of worship for followers of Islam.
- Imam** - a teacher and religious leader in the Muslim faith.
- Minaret** - the tall tower in a mosque.
- Mosque** - the Muslim place of worship.
- Qur'an** - the holy book of Islam.