



Religious Studies Knowledge Organiser

Year Group: 7
Topic: Parish Church
Half Term: Autumn Two

Key Terms

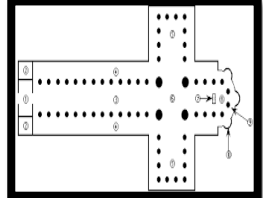
Community	People who live in a similar area or have similar interests.
Social	This word links to interacting and mixing with other people.
Sermon	This is a talk which is given by the vicar during a church service about a religious or moral issue.
Pastoral care	This is caring for people's wellbeing.
Parish	This is the area which is served by a particular church.
Parishioners	These are the people who live in the area served by a particular church.
Crucifixion	This is a form of execution. Christians believe this is how Jesus died.
Font	This is the item which holds the holy water for when a baptism.
Pulpit	This is where a vicar delivers their sermon from.
Bible	This is the Christian holy book.
Congregation	The people who attend a church service.
Pews	This is where the congregation sits in a church.

Baptism is a symbolic way of becoming a member of the Christian Church. There are several different types of baptism. The most well known is the infant baptism. This is where a baby is welcomed in to the Church. Water is poured over the baby's head which symbolises cleansing the baby from the original sin. Another type of baptism is called a Believer's Baptism. This is when an adult decides that they want to show their dedication to the Church.



The Church plays a significant role in many communities, and it is used by members of the community for many different purposes, not just worship. One of the local churches in Istock is St Denys Church. In addition to holding church services, it also holds a play group, coffee mornings and social events for people. Many people depend on their local churches for child care and companionship as well as for religious reasons.

Vicars have an important role in the local community. As well as delivering sermons during church services and leading prayers, they are also required to care for the people within their parish and to provide pastoral care. This can include visiting people in hospital, helping parishioners who are elderly or vulnerable, as well as leading and helping out with church and community events.



The layout of a Church often has a significant meaning. For example, some churches are built in the shape of a cross, to symbolise the crucifixion of Jesus. There are many important parts of a church, for example a font is where holy water is held and is usually found at the front of a church. The pulpit is usually found at the front towards the side of the church. Churches are sometimes decorated with stained glass which depicts Bible stories.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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Religious Teachings

"And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;"

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"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.."

Suggested Reading

- *Somewhere I Belong* by Glenna Jenkin
- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

