

# An enquiry-approach to visiting places of worship



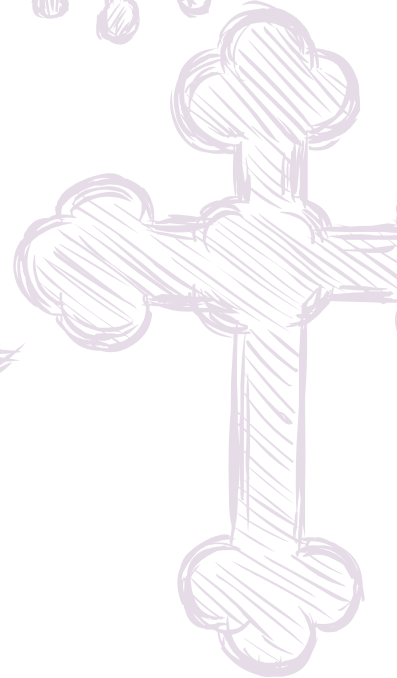
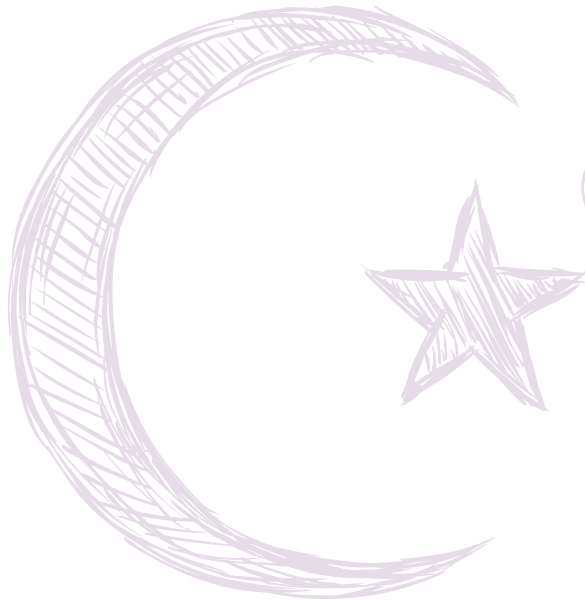
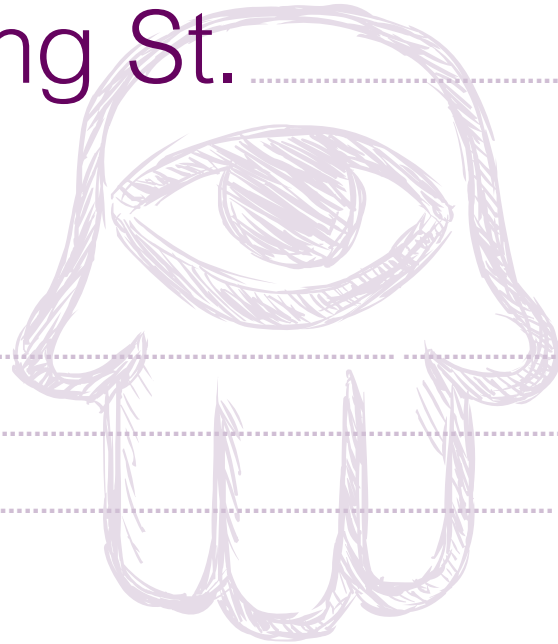
# My enquiry into religion by visiting St. \_\_\_\_\_'s Church

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

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Year Group 6

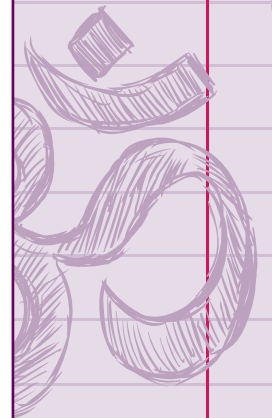


How do you know what Christians believe about forgiveness by what you encounter in this place of worship?

What do I know about Christian beliefs about forgiveness already?

I remember the story of Jesus forgiving Judas when he betrayed him at the Last Supper and some of the stories Jesus told about forgiveness e.g. the Prodigal Son and turning the other cheek.

I know Christians believe God will forgive them if they say sorry for their sins.



## 6 encounters

In each box put a picture of one encounter e.g. a piece of furniture, a symbol, a person, a piece of music and in the 'Clues' box write what this encounter might tell you about the beliefs behind it.

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Christians sit in the nave and face the altar. They pray during services and ask God to forgive them. I think they feel like part of a community.



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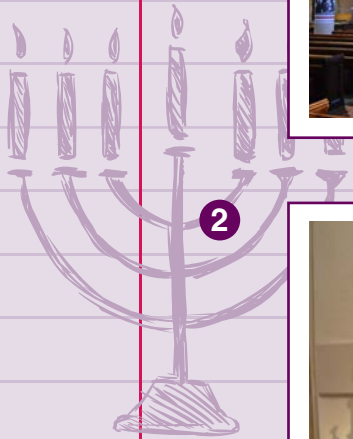
Babies are baptised at the font and the water is a symbol of washing away sin. Then babies are members of Christianity.



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Christians think their teaching should be all over the world, that's why there is an eagle to carry the Bible everywhere. The Bible says Christians should forgive people.



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This is where the vicar stands to teach people during services. I think Christians are taught to forgive people because that's what Jesus taught them.



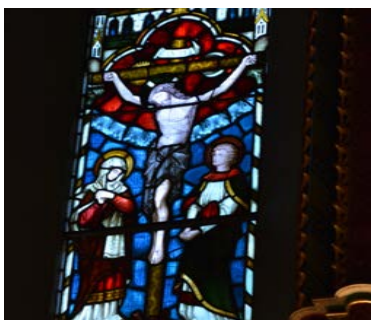
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Christians remember people who have died fighting in wars and show their respect on Poppy Day. I don't know if Christians can forgive people who kill others.



6



This window has a picture of Jesus on the cross. Christians believe Jesus was crucified to save them from sins, so that they can be forgiven by God if they say they are sorry. Christians believe Jesus died so that people could be forgiven.



My encounters so far lead me to deduce that Christians believe forgiveness is important and that God forgives them so they should forgive others.

What questions do I need to ask to find out more about what  
Christians believe?

(Can I talk with a member of this religion to hear their answers?)

**My questions**

**Answers (more clues)**

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1. How can Christians forgive someone who kills someone they love?

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2. How does Jesus' crucifixion mean Christians can get God's forgiveness?

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3. Why did Jesus forgive Judas?

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4. Are Christians better at forgiving than other religions?

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5. What will happen to me if I don't forgive people? I am not a Christian.

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My encounters so far lead me to deduce that Christians believe Christians should forgive other people because Jesus died to show God will forgive them.

**This page shows what I have found out from my encounters in this place of worship about the beliefs of the people who visit this place of worship.**

Christians rate forgiveness.

Vicars teach about it and Jesus died so that Christians could get God's forgiveness. (if they say sorry)

The crucifixion was horribly painful but Jesus forgave the people who killed him. (How could he do that?)

Babies are baptised at the font to welcome them into the Christian religion, but what sins have babies done? They are only little!

Christians believe they should try to forgive anyone for doing bad things, as Jesus taught them this was what God wants them to do.



**This visit has been interesting to me because**

I have now got more questions in my head about how Jesus could possibly forgive the people who caused him so much pain. How could he be god as well as a man?