

Unit 2.5

Why is the church a special place for Christians?

Key Questions:

- What makes a place special? Where is your special place?
- What do you think makes a Church a special place?
- Why is the church a special place for Christians?
- Why/when do people go to Church? What happens in the Church?
- What makes a place holy/sacred?
- Why do people of other faiths have their own special buildings?
- Why do people build special places to meet and worship?

Christian Concepts:

PEOPLE OF GOD: People chosen by God. Because sin entered the world (The Fall), God hoped that his relationship with his special people would bring all people back to him and reverse the effect of the Fall. The Old Testament tells of the ups and downs of this journey.

GOSPEL: Christians believe Jesus' incarnation is 'good news' for all people. ('Gospel' means 'good news.') Jesus' example and teaching emphasise loving one's neighbour as part of loving God.

KINGDOM OF GOD: God's ideal for human life in the world - a vision of life lived in the way God intended for human beings, following Jesus' example, inspired and empowered by God's Spirit.

Key Vocabulary:

Church: building for Christian worship/a group of Christians.

Vicar/Minister: The leader of a Christian Church

Pews: Wooden seats inside a church.

Font: container for holding the water for baptism

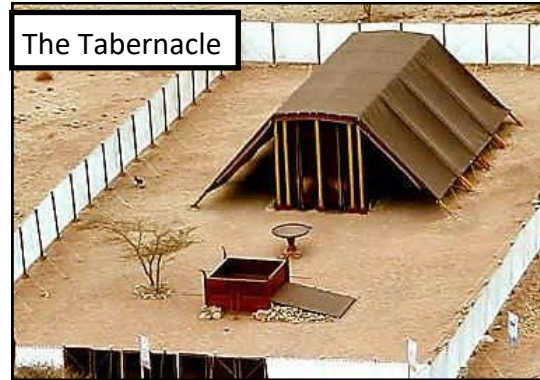
Altar: Holy table at the front of Church

Stained glass: Coloured windows in a church

Worship: Praising God with songs, readings and prayers

Holy/Sacred: special for God.

The Tabernacle



A church



Christian Values:

Faith Respect Reverence

A church



A church



A Mosque

