

RE: Year 1 – What makes some places sacred?

Key Vocabulary - Church

altar	A raised area in the Church where people can honour God with offerings.
font	The font is the place where babies and older people are baptised.
lectern	The lectern is the place where the Bible is read out from during a service.
pulpit	The pulpit is the place where the minister preaches a sermon.

Key Vocabulary - Mosque

wudu	The washing area in a Mosque.
prayer mat	A special mat that Muslims kneel on to pray.
minbar	steps used as a platform by an Imam or preacher in a mosque to show the direction for prayer.
mihrab	A space in the wall of a mosque, at the point nearest to Mecca, that Muslims face to pray.

Objectives

- To say why places of worship are important to the local community.
- To identify objects in a church and say how they are used and what they mean to believers.
- To identify objects in a mosque and say how they are used and what they mean to believers
- To talk about an object that is used in worship, saying how it is used and how it shows what people believe.
- To ask appropriate and respectful questions of believers.

Significant Places

Church







The special place for Christian people. Christian people go to the Church to pray, listen to stories about Jesus and sing songs.

Mosque



The special place for Muslims. Muslims go to the Mosque to learn about Allah and pray.

Symbols

candles 	Christians believe candles are a symbol of Jesus, who is called 'The Light of the World'. There are many candles used in Church.
cross 	For Christians , this is a symbol of Jesus dying on the cross. The cross would be found in the Church in many places including the stained glass windows.
calligraphy 	For Muslims , calligraphy very important art form used to write special words from the Qur'an.
prayer beads 	For Muslims , each of the 99 beads is a symbol and reminder of the different names for God.

Key Questions

What makes some places sacred?
 Which places are special and why?
 Why do people pray?
 If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?
 How are places of worship similar and different?
 Why are places of worship important to our community?