

Religious Education

All children – regardless of gender, starting point or background – will have the opportunity to engage with a high -quality religious education. They will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and vocabulary to learn through a diocese linked curriculum that provides opportunities to reflect, discuss and explore more about the world in which they live in. The curriculum provides children with the knowledge of different religious traditions, celebrations, stories and values. Our RE curriculum pupils develop an understanding of themselves and others as well as respecting differences. Lessons will promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of individuals and communities. We intend to inspire a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about different world religions.

Christianity



What are some of the differences and similarities within Christianity locally and globally?

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Key Vocabulary:

- Baptism
- Ritual
- Christian ritual
- Holy Communion
- Funeral
- Christian funeral service
- Cremation
- Burial
- Crematorium
- Cemetery
- Sermon
- Customary

New Knowledge:

In the local community, we have 10 churches that belong to different denominations of Christianity, including Anglican, Catholic and Methodist denominations. St John's Church is an active Anglican parish church.

Our local churches share similarities with churches in South Africa, because Christians in both churches will sing and pray together as part of their worship.

When a Christian dies, it is seen as the end of his/her life on earth. A funeral is held for friends and family to grieve for the person who has died and give thanks for their life. If someone is on their deathbed, a minister will prepare them for death.

The Last Supper was Jesus' last meal before he died and he shared two signs with his followers: bread as a symbol for his body being broken, and wine as a symbol for his blood being spilled when he was crucified. Blessing the bread, in Catholic belief, turns it into the body of Christ. This is called a 'sacrament.'

Children take classes to understand the meaning of the bread and their wine, before taking their Holy Communion. This is how Roman Catholics prepare for their first communion – an important step for Catholics.

During their first communion, girls will often wear a white dress and have a party afterwards to celebrate.

The Christian ritual of Holy Communion is introduced. Communion means, simply, 'togetherness' and this is a ritual to show the togetherness of Christians and God.

A Christian funeral service is tailored to the person who has died. The service is usually carried out at a church, crematorium or cemetery and will include prayers, a sermon, readings, hymns and sometimes music or poems

