



This Religious Education unit follows on from previous studies of faith and worship in Years 3 and 4 . This unit will deepen the children's understanding of what makes a good role model? How does the Christian church choose prominent Christians to represent their faith? We will also examine what these Christians have achieved in their lives in their endeavours to improve the lives of others and explore how their faith has been tested.

Key Knowledge

- Understand the importance of saints for the Christian church.
- Learn about the patron saints of the UK—St David, St George, St Patrick and St Andrew.
- Understand the importance of All saints day for the Christian church.
- Appreciate the life work and sacrifice of the Christian martyrs and saints.
- Examine the lives of modern prominent Christians who have dedicated their lives to help others and improve the world in which we all live.
- Understand how the church recognises the work of prominent Christians, saints and martyrs.
- Learn about the life work of prominent Christians such as: William Wilberforce, Mother Theresa, Dr Barnado and Bear Grylls
- Reflect and explain our personal role models both within Christianity and other faiths.



Personal Reflection

Who are your role models? Why?

Do you have to be perfect to be a good role model?

Why and how does the Christian church honour the lives of prominent Christians? Who do you honour?

Have you ever had your faith or your personal beliefs tested?

How do you express your beliefs about life through the things you that you do?

What would you like your legacy to be?



Key Vocabulary

Prominent—Standing out or important.

Role model—A person looked up to by others.

Loyalty—Being faithful to a cause or purpose.

Dedication—The quality of being dedicated or committed to a task or purpose.

Christian— A person who believes in Jesus Christ and follows his teachings.

Strength (religious terms)—Someone holding true to what they believe in.

Saint— A good and holy person who is recognised to be worthy of special honour by the Christian church.

Patron Saints—A heavenly protector of a place or people.

Martyr—Someone who gives up their life for their beliefs.

Honour—To regard or treat (someone) with admiration and respect.

Legacy—Something you are remembered for after you have died.

Moral—Able to tell right from wrong in human behaviour.



Links with other religions

All religions have prominent people that are looked up to for their dedication, loyalty and commitment to their faith, even in times of difficulty, to make the world a better place. Non religious people also have role models who they look up to for inspiration and guidance. Both religious and non religious people are often inspired to live their own lives like them.