

Knowledge Organiser

Year: 3 RE 3.3 Worship and sacred places

Term: Summer 1

Topic: Merchant of Venice

A mosque is an Islamic place of worship for people of the **Muslim** faith.

Many Muslims pray 5 times a day and they always pray in the direction of Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

The most important weekly worship takes place on a Friday.

Muslims wash before they pray. This is called Wudu.

All Mosques share key features

- Shoe racks – shoes are taken off before people enter the prayer room.
- Places to wash – Muslims wash hands, feet and faces before praying
- Prayer mats – these are on the floor and people kneel on them to pray
- Tasbeih beads - beads hanging around the mosque for worshippers to help think about Allah.
- Qur'an- the Muslim Holy Book
- Minaret – a tall thin tower where someone stands and calls people to prayer.



Mosque (left) and Stonehenge (above)

A **Hindu** temple or mandir is a busy and exciting place. It is used for worship, as well as birth, wedding and death ceremonies. Visitors can go and discuss and strengthen their faith, take part in meditation classes and yoga.

All Mandirs (temples) share key features

Shoe Rack - A place to store shoes before entering the mandir.

Murti - A murti is a statue of God, or a god or goddess.

Main Shrine - This is the heart of the temple to represent the heart of the worshipper. It is usually at the front of the temple.

Vedas - These are the ancient Hindu texts. They are kept safe in a special case.

Bell - Worshippers ring the bell before entering to let God know they have arrived.

Aum - This is the Hindu symbol. You may see this if you are ever visiting a Hindu temple

Worship, or 'puja', takes place here. Hindus can come at any time to be peaceful, pray and sing religious songs. Incense is burnt and offerings are made to the Gods.

Stonehenge

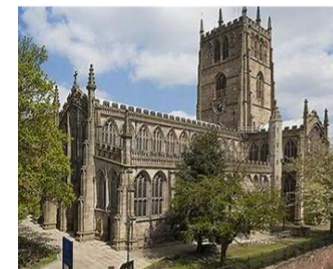
Stonehenge is one of the world's most famous prehistoric monuments and is a sacred place for pagans.

The stones are thought to have magical properties and some people believe it is a place of healing.

Christians worship in churches and cathedrals

Things you might find in a church:

Altar, cross, candle, organ, musical instruments, font (holds holy water and is where a baptism service takes place), seating area, lectern (where the Bible sits and readings are read from) and a pulpit (a raised platform from which the church leader can teach from the Bible).



Learning Objectives

Lesson 1	I can explain the importance of the mosque in Islamic worship.		
Lesson 2	I can explain the importance of the mandir in Hindu worship.		
Lesson 3	I can explain the importance of the church in Christian worship		
Lesson 4	I can identify similarities and differences in these different places of worship		
Lesson 5	I can explain the importance of Stonehenge as a sacred site for pagans		
Lesson 6	I can show what I have learnt.		