



# Where do Christians Worship?

Learning Objectives:

To know where Christians worship and what features are important for Christians.

To include some **KEY FEATURES** when designing your own church

# Where do Christians worship?

Christians can worship anywhere. However when they come together to worship they will usually come together in a Church. These can be very old or very modern. Most churches have the same **KEY FEATURES**.





What features do you think a church has?



# Font

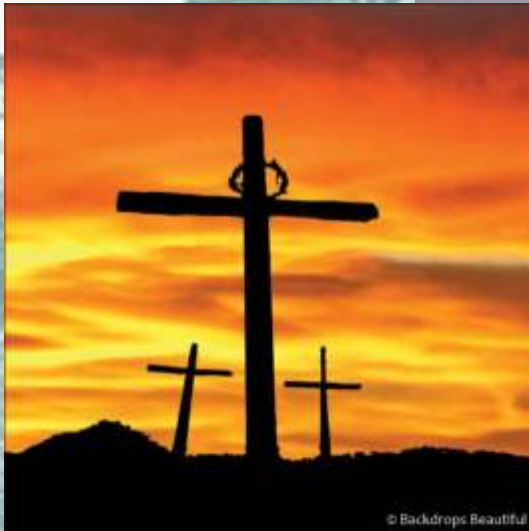
Most churches will have a font in which they baptise their believers with holy water. They may baptise children or adults, so that they become full Christians.



# Cross

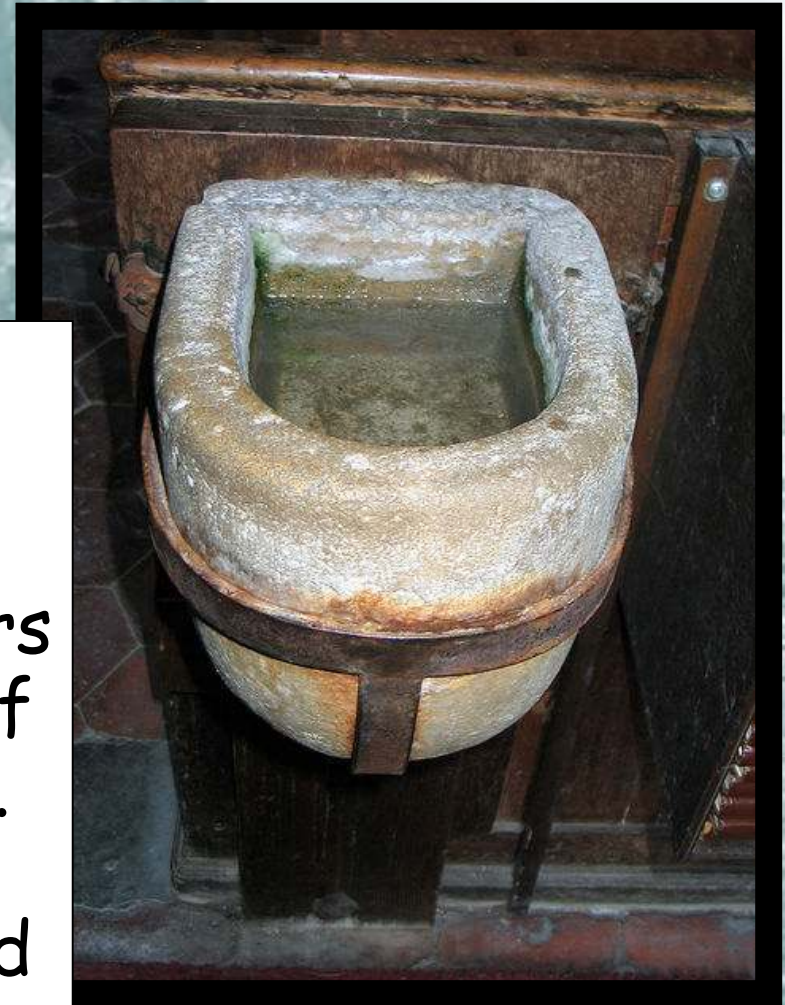


The Cross is used as an aid to worship, a focus for prayer or meditation.



The Cross is important to Christians because it symbolises the sacrifice that Jesus made and how he overcame death.

# Stoup



In some churches you find a little bowl filled with holy water near the doors. Christians will put their fingers in and then make the sign of the cross when they enter. It is symbolic and shows their faith in Jesus and God

# Altar

The altar is where services are held from. It means that everyone can see and hear the person leading. It is the centre-point of worship, which is a demonstration of how much Christians love God.



# Pulpit

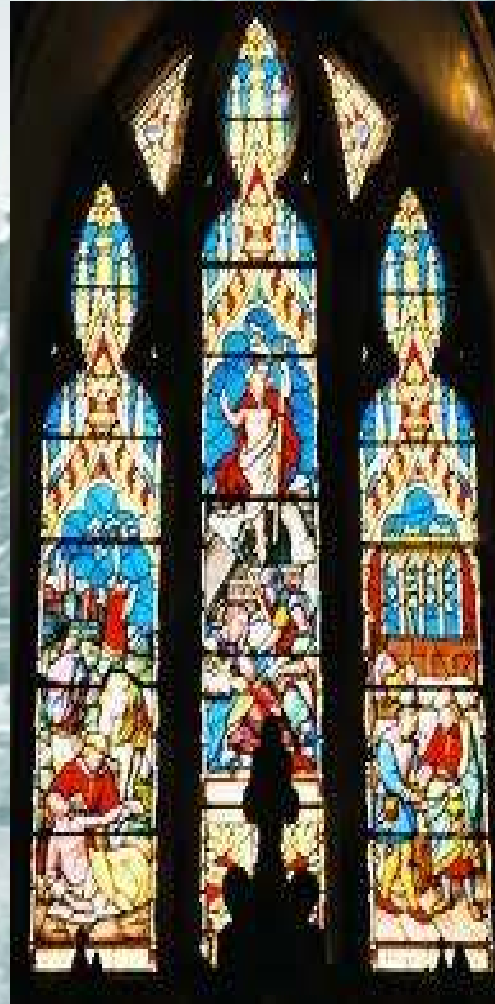
This is where the priest says the sermon from. The sermon tells Christians how they can practice God's teachings in the modern day.





# Stained Glass Window

Stained glass windows show scenes of stories that are contained in the Bible.



When churches were originally built, most of the congregation couldn't read the bible and so the windows would illustrate the stories for them.

They are now used as a focal point in worship.

# Lectern



The Bible is read from the lectern.

The Bible is very important as it contains God's teachings. The eagle symbolises how God's message should be spread across the world.

# Problems

Many people do not want to go to church because they may see it is boring. Churches need to attract a new **CONGREGATION**. A church needs to attract as many people as possible in order for it to survive. Churches are like businesses and need people to come and donate to it for it to be able to pay all of its bills.



# Tasks

Design a church that would attract people to visit it. Think about the seating, the design, music, and its **KEY FEATURES**

Don't just think of it as a traditional building it can be any shape you want. It may have a bar or a restaurant in it.

**BE IMAGINATIVE!!** What would make you go to church!!

