

Year 7 Knowledge Organizer 6—Christianity in Britain, The Trinity and Jesus' Birth

SECULAR = a society becoming less religious

PLURALISTIC = a society that has a wide range of beliefs present religious and non religious

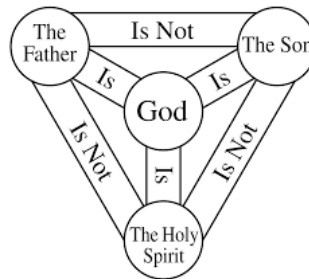
Britain may be regarded as becoming more secular and pluralistic

Christian Influence in Britain Today

Christianity remains a big influence in Britain today. In our own Church Stretton the name is clearly influenced by Christianity and there are 4 Church buildings in the town. However there are many other ways Christianity has an influence. Our dating system includes a year eg 2023 AD (Anno Domini = in the year of our Lord— literally 2023 years since the birth of Jesus) Many primary schools are Church schools. Important holiday times are based around key Christian festivals such as Christmas or Easter. The laws of Britain are based on the 10 commandments and if you have to swear to tell the truth in a court you do so on a Bible. Sunday is the Christian day of rest, so shops can only open for 6 hours on a Sunday. People often have religious services to celebrate important stages in a person's life such as baptism for birth, marriage and funerals for those who have died. There are Church services for important national events such as Remembrance Day or the coronation of kings and Queens. The National anthem starts with "God save the King..." Even having fish on a Friday goes back to Roman Catholics not eating meat on a Friday as that is the day Jesus died. And things like Pancake day and easter eggs have their origin in Christianity.

Christian Belief The Trinity

Christianity is a MONOTHEISTIC religion Christians believe God the Father is the creator of all things. Christians believe God sent his son Jesus to earth who was God INCARNATED, a real man but also God Christians believe that the HOLY SPIRIT is God inspiring people in the world today All 3 God Father, Son and Holy Spirit make up the Christian TRINITY . At Jesus' baptism all 3 parts of the Trinity are present. " voice from Heaven says you are my own dear so, and the Holy spirit descend on Jesus (the Son) as a dove"



Jesus' Birth is predicted

The Old Testament part of the Bible it predicted God would send the MESSIAH who would bring God's kingdom on earth.

Isaiah Ch 9 says 'A child is born to you, he will be called Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace'

Micah Ch 5 says 'Bethlehemout of you will come a ruler ...whose strength will come from the Lord"

Jesus' Birth

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, to Mary who was a virgin as the Angel Gabriel told her she has been made pregnant by God's Holy Spirit. Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth but were in Bethlehem as the Romans were conducting a census, so this fulfilled Micah's passage above. Jesus' birth was special by visits by angels, shepherds and 3 Wise men. The wise men were not Jewish so showed Jesus was for everyone not just the Jews as the Old Testament suggested. They also brought 3 gifts to give hints about Jesus' life. Gold showed Jesus was going to be a king. Frankincense showed Jesus would be worshipped. Myrrh suggested Jesus would suffer and die. The stories around Jesus' birth try to prove his identity as the MESSIAH . Christians believe that the whole of human history is leading up to this event when God is born in a human form (INCARNATED). This is remembered during Advent the time when Christians prepared to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

