

Knowledge Organiser – Places of Worship

Key Knowledge	
What is a place of worship? What is it for?	A place of worship is somewhere people go to connect with their religion. It has many purposes for different people, primarily it builds a community and enables people to share their experiences with religion.
What is a Christian place of worship?	There are 2 different types of Christian church, Anglican and Baptist. People that attend the different churches may have different beliefs.
What is a Hindu place of worship?	Hindu worship at home and at the Mandir. Use a Shrine at home to create a sacred place for worship. The Mandir has sadhus (holy men), a huge space, a gate and steps and shikara (towers reaching to the sky). Both home and Mandir worship involve water, food, the OM sound, a murti, a bell and a lamp.
What is a Jewish place of worship?	Jewish place of worship is called a Synagogue or a Schul. They are different depending on whether the Jewish community is Orthodox (traditional) or Reform (modernised). Reform: men and women sit together, some services in English, might be a choir, girls' heads uncovered, bimah close to Ark. Orthodox: service in Hebrew, no choir/ instruments, men and women separate, all men and women's heads covered, bimah in centre.
Are people more important than the place?	Christians see the church itself as the body of Christ-acting on behalf of Jesus in the world. Church provide lots of help and support, as well as opportunities for worship, which often occur outside the usual Sunday service.



Key Vocabulary	
Worship	the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.
Anglican	relating to the Church of England
Baptist	a member of a Protestant Christian denomination - only baptise adult believers.
Church	A Christian place of worship
Mandir	a Hindu temple.
Gurdwara	A sikh place of worship
Synagogue	the building where a Jewish assembly or congregation meets for religious worship and instruction
Shrine	a place regarded as holy because of its associations.
Sadhus	a holy man
Shikara	towers reaching to the sky
Schul	Jewish word for synagogue.
Bimah	the altar part or sanctuary in ancient and Orthodox churches.
Pilgrimage	A religious journey
Pew	a long bench with a back, placed in rows in the main part of some churches to seat the congregation
Alter	An elevated place or structure before which religious ceremonies may be enacted
Font	a receptacle in a church for the water used in baptism, typically a free-standing stone structure
Vestry	a room or building attached to a church, used as an office and for changing into ceremonial vestments.
Sacred	