

Enquiry Question: Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?

Worldview/Faith
– Christianity



In this unit, we look at some of the rites (or Sacraments) that are performed in churches (the Christian place of worship) and investigate how and why Christians might choose to worship in a church (rather than e.g. just pray at home).

- **Sacraments:** rites which are often performed in Churches such as marriages, baptisms and communion/Eucharist.
- **Eucharist/Communion:** the taking of bread and wine in remembrance of the events of the Last Supper
- **Saints:** Holy people recognised by the Church because of actions in their lives, miracles or the examples they set.

Jesus taught people how to pray and worship God in the Bible. In churches, you can often see beautiful art or special symbols. These might remind Christians of what they believe, the life of Jesus, or important people from the Bible or history. These pictures and symbols can help Christians think about God and feel close to Him, especially when they're in church. It can be harder to do that at home where there might be more distractions. Church isn't just a building—it's also a place that can make people feel peaceful, happy, or close to God. These special feelings are one reason why Christians like going to church.

Holy Communion (also called the Eucharist) usually



happens in church. But if someone really wants to take part and can't come—like if they're sick—a church leader can bring it to them at home. For many Christians, having Holy Communion is a very special part of going to church. It's something they can't usually do at home, and it's one big reason why worshipping in church can feel different and extra special.

Baptism is usually something that happens to babies, but grown-ups can choose to be baptised too. It gives the person their name and shows that they are becoming part of God's family. Many Christians like to get married in a church because they want God to bless their marriage and be part of their special day.



Many Christians go to church, but how often they go and why they go can be very different. Some Christians go to church every week or even every day to pray and have Holy Communion. Others might only go for big celebrations like Christmas or Easter, or for special family events like weddings, baptisms, or funerals. Some people mostly pray when they are in church, while others also like to pray at home—either regularly or just when they feel like it.

Christians can show their love for God and for other people by helping out at church and in their community.

They might do things like arrange flowers, read from the Bible during a service, play music, or take communion to someone who is sick. Jesus said that the two most important rules are to love God and to love your neighbour—this comes from the Bible in Matthew 22:37-40.

