

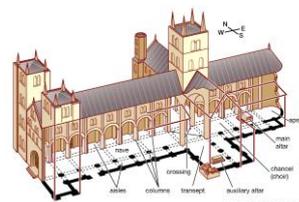
Religious Education Y6 Autumn Term 1

How can music and the arts express religious beliefs?



Knowledge

- Christianity has inspired many artists.
- The arts are a means of expression, including religious expression.
- The arts contribute to Christian worship.
- Churches have the altar in the east so that the congregation is facing Jerusalem; the porch is in the west.
- Churches are often cruciform, to express God's love and Jesus' sacrifice, with a large central aisle (the nave).
- The size and scale of church architecture expresses God's almighty power.
- High ceilings, columns, arches, spires and domes express the idea of being close to God above.
- Windows allow light in as a manifestation of God to express His omnipresence.
- Churches are often ornately decorated to express that God is worthy of praise.
- Stained-glass windows were introduced to spread the messages of the Bible when the masses were illiterate.
- The Trinity is the concept that there is one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Vocabulary

altar = the table in a Christian church used as a focus for worship and communion

architecture = the art or practice of designing and constructing buildings

chancel = the part of the church for the vicar and choir, often separated by steps/screens

congregation = a group of people gathered for religious worship

cruciform = cross-shaped

illiterate = unable to read or write

Jerusalem = a holy city for Christians, location of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection

Latin = the language of the Ancient Roman Empire, traditionally the language of scholarship

manifestation = an event or object that symbolises the appearance of something abstract

nave = the central part of a church, often with an aisle, for the congregation

omnipotent = all-powerful (having unlimited power)

omnipresent = present everywhere at the same time

redeem(er) = to atone for or save from past wrong-doing (Christ)

The Vatican = the city state in Rome which, the centre of the Catholic branch of Christianity

Trinity = the three persons of the Christian Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

