



Unit 3.3 Where, how and why do people worship?

Links to Prior knowledge:
Unit 1.4, 2.3, 3.1,

Key Knowledge

- Describe 4 key features of each of three religious buildings, a mosque, mandir and church.
- Connect the key features of the buildings with beliefs about God in each religion.

Key Skill

- Ask and answer questions about at least three different ways the religious buildings are used by the different communities.
- To respond thoughtfully to the task of designing a new religious building for Hucknall.

Collective worship happens in a special building, called a **church**. Services are led by a **minister/vicar** or **priest**.



altar



pulpit



pews



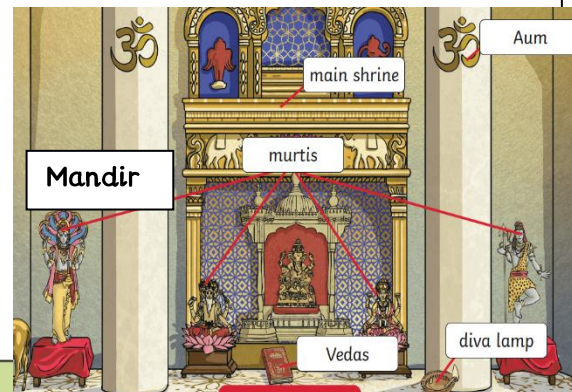
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stained glass window



lectern



Visiting a Mosque

People should wear clothes that cover their arms and legs when they visit. Shoes are taken off when you enter. Pictures of humans and animals are not allowed in **mosques**. Instead, you might see patterns on the wall. People clean themselves in the **ablutions area** before praying. **Mosques** have prayer rooms. The main prayer room is called the **musallah**. Prayer mats are used for praying. Muslims all face towards **Mecca** when they are praying. Usually men and women pray in different spaces. They can use prayer beads to help them focus.



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Key Vocabulary

Mosque	minaret	Large tower used to call Muslims to prayer (adhan).
	Ablution	Room to wash before praying.
	Musalla	Prayer hall.
	Qibla	Prayer wall facing Mecca.
	Minbar	Pulpit for the Imam to deliver sermons.
Mandir	shrine	Heart of worship in the temple.
	murtis	Images of gods and goddesses.
	yantras	Diagrams of the universe
	towers	Remind Hindus that their spirits will reach heaven.
	Arti lamp	Lit arti lamp is waved before a murti
Church	bell	Used to awaken the deities (gods).
	puja	Offering light, flowers, water and food to the deities.
	altar	Table at the front of the church that holds the bread and wine.
	font	Holds holy water.
	pulpit	Raised platform where the church leader teaches.
	lectern	Where the Bible sits.

Key Questions

- Why do we need religious buildings?
- What emotions do we feel in holy spaces?
- Is the whole earth really a holy space?
- Can people get close to God in holy buildings?
- Can you identify similarities between the 3 places of worship?

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