

**Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education**  
**KS1 Compulsory Unit: Community (Christianity)**

- *What do Christians do to express their beliefs?*
- *Which celebrations are important to Christians? What are the key practices associated with these celebrations and what do they tell us about beliefs about God, humans and the world?*

- Church – the community of believers, not just the building; people committed to following Jesus’ teachings and example, and committed to bringing about the **Kingdom of God** by getting rid of suffering
- Practices that take place in church:
  - **Prayer:** speaking and listening to God; saying, ‘God, you’re awesome’, thank you, sorry and please; make connection between lighting a candle to prayer and the description of Jesus as ‘the light of the world’; could look at the Lord’s Prayer or St Columba’s prayer
  - **Bible study:** could be a study group or the sermon delivered by the vicar during worship; the importance to Christians of reading and learning about the Bible in order to find out more about what God is like and how he wants the world to be
  - **Worship:** investigate different styles of worship in Christianity, e.g. Quaker, Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, Evangelical, Pentecostal – draw attention to similarities and differences (e.g. use of music)
- **Baptism:** entry into the community of Christians; different types of baptism – child, adult; different ways of carrying out a baptism, e.g. Anglican, Baptist; key features = promises made to God by or on behalf of the person being baptised, a lit candle, the use of water, etc.; connections with the story of Jesus’ baptism (e.g. **Matthew 3:13-17**)
- Key festivals: Christmas, Easter, Pentecost – the story that lies at the heart of each festival, the key practices associated with the festivals (for Christians) and the beliefs that underpin them:
  - **Christmas:** beliefs about God becoming human (*incarnation*), the idea of Jesus being a gift; key practices associated with Christmas for Christians and how they relate to beliefs about God/Jesus
  - **Easter:** beliefs about God defeating death through the death and resurrection of Jesus; key practices associated with Easter for Christians and how they relate to beliefs about God/Jesus
  - **Pentecost:** beliefs about God, the Holy Spirit; the birthday of the Christian church; the key events associated with the first Pentecost (**Acts 2**); key practices associated with Pentecost and how they relate to beliefs about God and human beings