

# Year 2: What can we learn about our local faith communities?

## What does faith mean?

Faith is a belief in a particular religion and its teachings.

## What is a community?

A community is group of people who live closely together or have shared interests.

### Christianity

Christians model themselves on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Jesus taught people to love God and love their neighbour.

The Christian holy book is the **Bible**. It is divided into the **Old and New Testaments**. Many Christians worship in **churches**.



### Sikhism

Sikhs believe in one God, the brotherhood and equality for all men and women.

Their place of worship is called the **Gurdwara**.

The holy book of Sikhism is the **Guru Granth Sahib Ji**.



### Buddhism

Buddhists follow the teachings of a man called **Siddhattha Gotama**. He became known as the **Buddha**, which means 'enlightened'.

The Buddhist scriptures are known as the **Tipitaka**, which means 'three baskets'.

In Buddhist countries there are many temples. People bring flowers and incense to the shrine and food for the monks.



### Islam

Muslims believe in one God, **Allah**, who has many characteristics.

The Muslim holy book is called the **Qur'an**.

Muslims worship in a building called a **mosque**.



## Vocabulary

community	A group of people living in the same place or having something in common.
different	Not the same.
faith	A belief in a religion.
group	A number of people or things.
inter-faith	Involving different religions or members of different religions.
local	An area or neighbourhood nearby.
religion	A belief in and worship of a person, God or gods.
role	A part played by a person.
same	Not different.

Christian	7,175
Muslim	4
Hindu	3
Sikh	12
Jewish	3
Buddhist	12
Other religion	28
No religion	2,164

Which faiths do we have in Shildon?

(information taken from the Census)

CRC Article 14: All children have the right to their own religion.



Take time to reflect

Have you seen any of the religious symbols around Shildon? Where did you see them?