

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

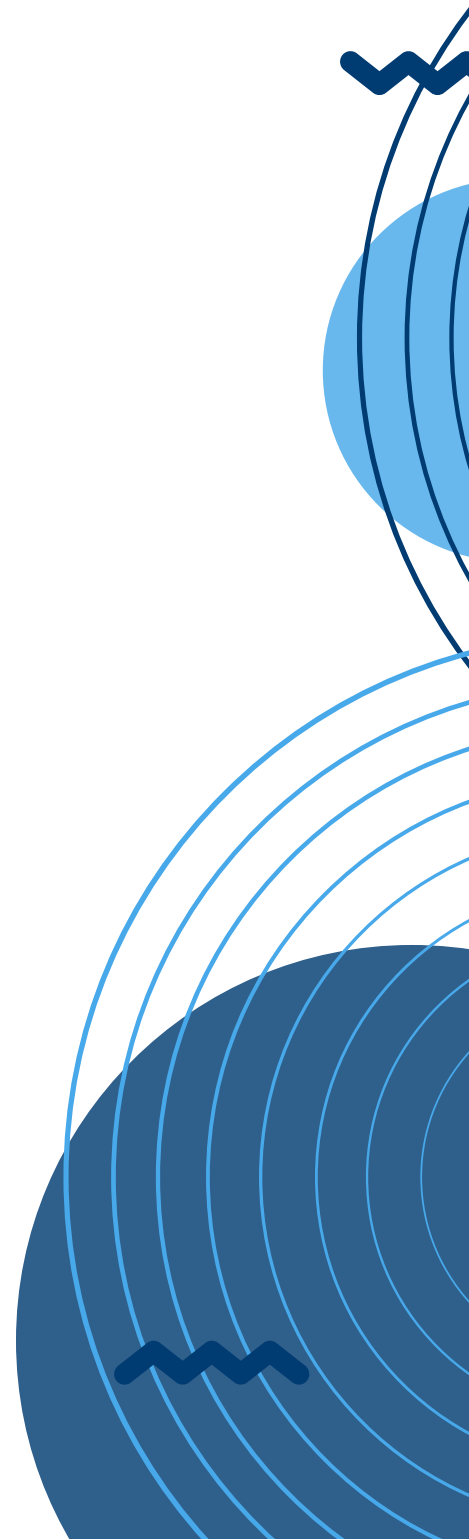


Educational Visits

Experience England's Nazareth

ONE CHURCH, ONE FAITH (KS3-5)

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TEACHING IDEAS



THE ORTHODOX CHAPEL OF ST SERAPHIM

- Research different types of crosses and their meanings (e.g. an orthodox cross, crucifix, palm cross, Celtic cross, plain cross)
- Look up on the internet how icons are written. Find out about the symbolism of the different colours used.
- Discover why St Seraphim is important in orthodox Christianity. Create a fact file about him.
- Write a balanced argument about whether the orthodox practice of consecrating the bread and wine behind the Royal Doors is inclusive.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

- Draw and label a picture of the interior of the RC Church of the Annunciation including: altar, tabernacle, lectern, font, aumbry (ambry), pews, candles. Add a glossary explaining what each word means.
- Describe what you might see, hear, taste, feel or smell during a service in a church in the Roman Catholic tradition.
- Research stations of the cross (see <https://exploringprayer.co.uk/> for the Walsingham stations). Draw a picture for each and write a paragraph explaining what is happening at that point in the story. You might want to create your own stations in a Modern or Cubist style.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

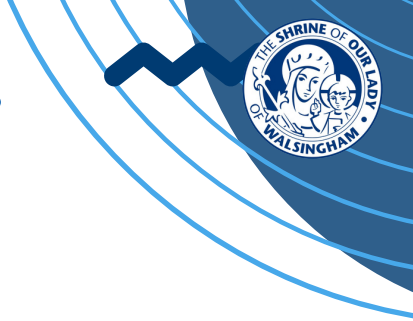
- Create a leaflet explaining the meaning in the Methodist covenant prayer: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/what-is-distinctive-about-methodism/a-covenant-with-god/>
- Research and present ways in which Methodists support the local community.
- Find out how Methodism started and why.
- Discuss why the pulpit is so large in a Methodist church and what this tells us about the theology of this Christian denomination.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Use the template on page 12. Write about the different churches and how they look, feel and worship. What is the same and what is different?

Write a reasoned argument as to which one you prefer and why.

DIFFERENT GROUPS OF CHRISTIANS



Within Christianity there are many different groups, or denominations. Each of these denominations shares the basic tenets of the Christian faith, but may choose to worship in different ways and to emphasise different aspects of the faith.

THE ANGLICAN SHRINE

The Anglican Shrine in Walsingham is in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. This means that practices and beliefs are broadly catholic, but the head of the church is the monarch of the United Kingdom rather than the Pope (as in Roman Catholicism).

On a visit here you may see priests in vestments, hear music, bells and chants and smell incense as well as candles and icons used to aid prayer. The shrine church is richly decorated to the glory of God with bible stories and stories of saints.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

The Roman Catholic Church of the Annunciation (and the Roman Catholic Shrine) look to the Pope as the head of the church. Worship is similar to that at the Anglican Shrine.

The church in Walsingham is modern and eco friendly. You may see priests in vestments, candles, statues, stations of the cross, a font, aumbry, tabernacle and altar when you visit. The altar is in the centre at the front of the church so that everyone can see what is happening when the bread and wine are consecrated. This tells us that the sharing of the elements (bread and, in some cases, wine) is the most important part of the service.

ST SERAPHIM'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

The orthodox (Eastern) branch of the church split from the Roman Catholic church in the 11th century. This was due to a disagreement about the place of the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Trinity (the filioque clause). Many orthodox churches are distinguished by having a number of icons on the iconostasis, which contains the Royal Doors. The bread and wine are consecrated behind these doors then served to the congregation on a silver spoon.

St Seraphim's church is small but contains all the elements of an orthodox church. When you go in, you might see the iconostasis, Royal Doors, few chairs (only for the elderly, pregnant or anyone ill) and many icons on the walls.

WALSINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church was founded in the 18th Century by John Wesley as a reaction to the practice of people spending much of their weekly income on alcohol and entertainment. A covenant remains on all Methodist buildings that alcohol is not allowed in them and the communion wine is non-alcoholic. Inside Walsingham Methodist Church you will see a huge pulpit. This is indicative of the focus within Methodism on the word of God. The communion table is central but much less imposing than in the Roman Catholic Church or Anglican Shrine - the Lord's Supper is commemorated using a bread roll and wine served in individual glasses.

FACT SHEET



WALSINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Outside

- The Methodist chapel looks like a house.
- It has a plain cross on the black sign.



Inside

- The inside is plain, like a house.
- The font is very small so that it doesn't feel like a church.
- There are pews for people to sit in.

The pulpit

- The pulpit is the central feature of the church. This is because the word of God is the most important part of the service.

The Communion Table

- This is in front of the pulpit. The communion table is where the bread and wine (real bread and non-alcoholic wine) are blessed then shared.
- Small, individual glasses are used to give out the wine. }



FACT SHEET

THE RC CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION



Outside

- The church was built in 2006
- There is a large crucifix outside. A crucifix has an image of Jesus on it.
- There is also a large image of the annunciation - where Mary was asked by Gabriel to be Jesus's mother.



Inside

- The inside is modern, light and airy.
- There is a font - where people are baptised.
- There are pews for people to sit down during the service.
- There are some statues and large stained glass windows.



Holy Communion

- The altar is in the centre of the church. Everyone can see what is happening.
- The blessing of the bread and wine is the central part of the service.
- Bread only is given to the people (although this is changing in some Roman Catholic churches). The priest takes both bread and wine.
- The bread is a wafer, not a bread roll.

FACT SHEET

ST SERAPHIM'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

Outside

- The orthodox chapel is topped with an onion dome.
- It also has a cross on top and an icon over the door.
- St Seraphim's church is built in an old railway station.



Inside

- The inside of the chapel is richly decorated with many icons on the walls and on the iconostasis (icon stand).



Holy Communion

- The altar is behind the iconostasis because only priests are allowed to see the bread and wine being blessed.
- Real bread and wine are used.
- The bread and wine are given to the people on a silver spoon through the open Royal Doors at the front.

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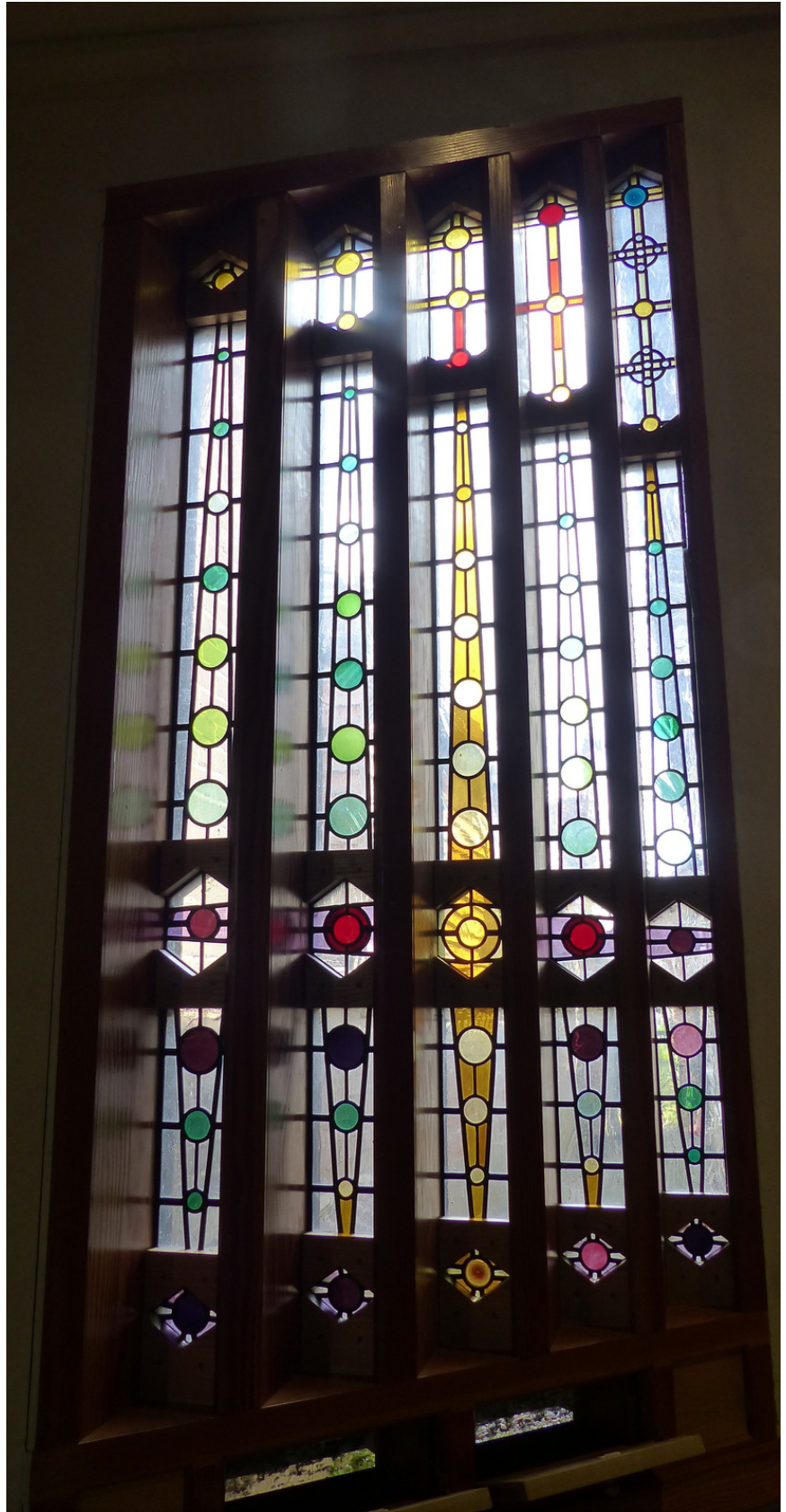
Write a description for each picture. All the items are found in the Roman Catholic Church of the Annunciation in Walsingham- **font, aumbry, crucifix, tabernacle, altar, holy water stoup**



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



What can you see in these windows? Why are the colours important?



Walsingham Churches – What’s the Same and What’s Different?

	St Seraphim’s Orthodox Church	The Roman Catholic Church of the Annunciation	Walsingham Methodist Church
What does the outside look like?			
What does the inside look like?			
How is Holy Communion celebrated?			
What makes each church different from the others? (<u>write two ideas in each box</u>)			