

Places of worship

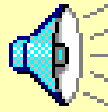




Sikhism



Sikhism is the youngest of the world's religions, being founded in the 15th Century.



It has 155 million followers worldwide, with the majority living India and Pakistan. In Britain there are about 800,000 Sikhs.



Any building where the Guru Granth Sahib is kept is a Sikh place of worship.

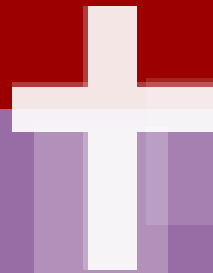


Followers of Sikhism believe in one God who guides and protects them. They believe that everyone is equal before God. Sikhs aim to work honestly, share with others and lead a truthful life as part of their community.



It is called the *Gurdwara* ('Gateway to the Guru').





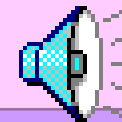
Christianity



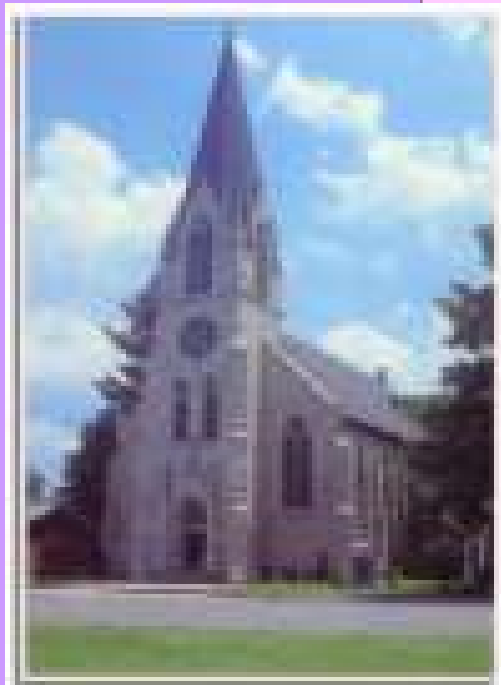
Christianity is the largest world religion, with over 1 billion followers worldwide. There are more than 6 million practising Christians in the UK, and a total of 35 million people in Britain consider themselves to be Christians.



The most important Christian festivals are: **Lent**, Easter and Christmas.



Christians worship in churches and their leaders are known as priests or ministers.



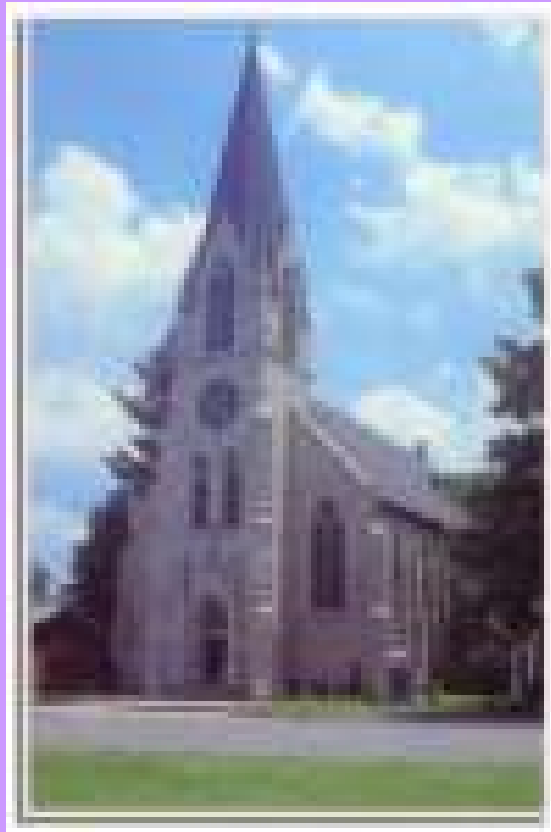
Christian Church

Lets take a closer look at this church.

What do we notice?

Large stain glassed windows and...

Do you know anything interesting about Churches?



It has a tall steeple.

if you looked at it from above you would see it's the shape of a cross.



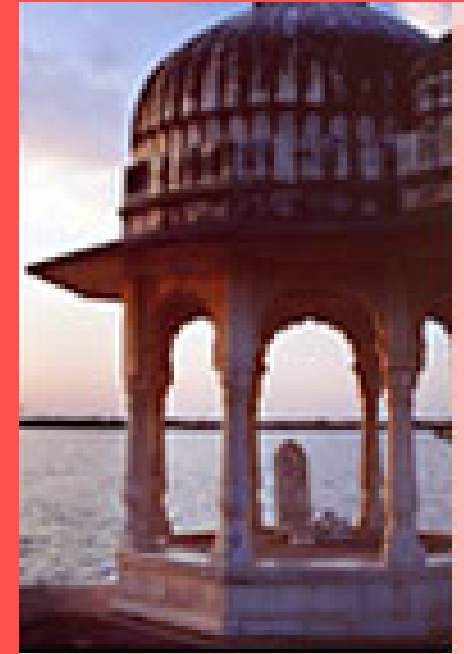
Hinduism



Hinduism is the religion with the third largest following: there are about 900 million Hindus worldwide. There are about 400,000 Hindus in the UK



Puja (worship) takes place in the Mandir (temple). Mandirs vary in size from small village shrines to large buildings, surrounded by walls. There are formal gatherings for worship but people can also visit the Mandir at any time to pray and participate in the bhajans (religious songs). Hindus will also worship at home and often have a special room with a shrine to particular gods.



Central to Hinduism is the belief in Brahman, the universal soul, or God, which is found in everything. Brahman is worshipped in a variety of forms, including Vishnu, Krishna, Rama, Shiva and several others.

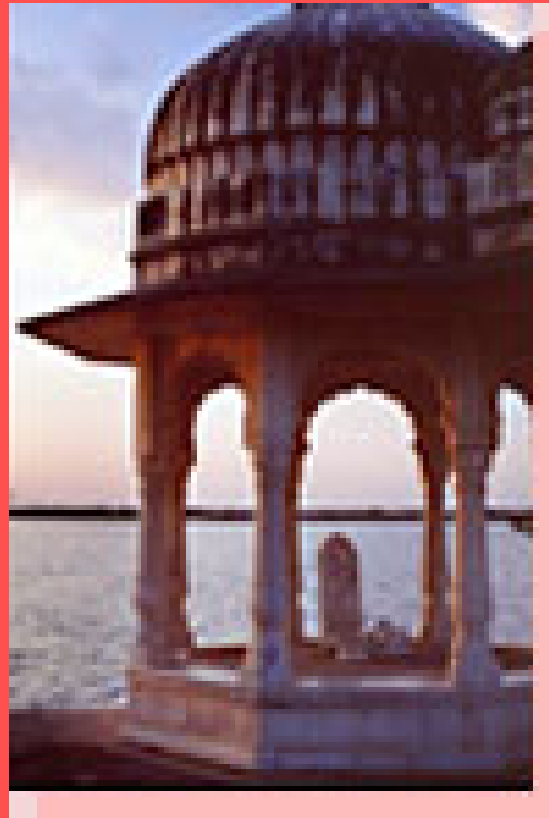


Hindu Temple

Lets take a closer look at this Mandir.

What do we notice?

It has a rounded roof.

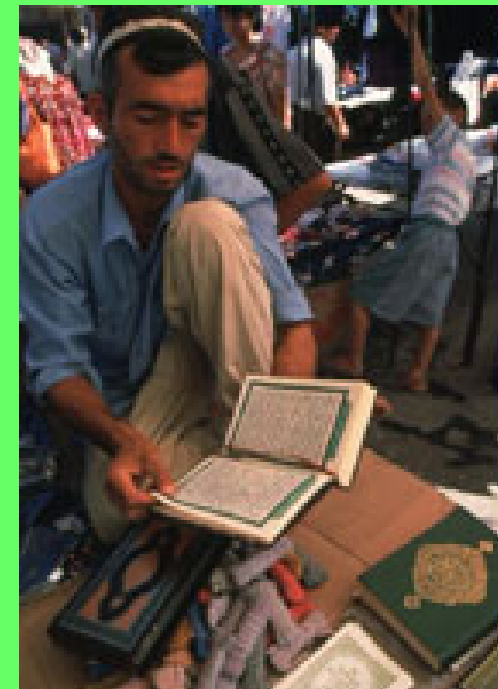



It doesn't have a door. Its open so that Hindus can be closer to God.

Can anyone tell me anything else that's interesting about the Mandir?



Islam




Islam is the religion with the second largest following in the world. There are over 1 billion Muslims worldwide with around 2 million or more in the UK. 

The Five Pillars of Islam are an essential part of Muslim life. These are five rules that every Muslim has to live by. They are:



- Shahadah: declaration of faith.
- Salat: saying prayers five times a day.
- Sawm: abstaining during daylight hours in **Ramadan.**
- Zakah: giving money to the poor.
- **Hajj**: pilgrimage to Makkah



Services are held every day at the Mosque. On Friday at noon, the most important of the weekly services is held. When Muslims pray, they must always face Makkah. 

Muslim Mosque

Lets take a closer look at this Mosque.



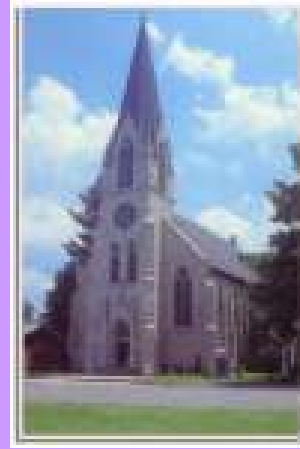
It's a very grand place. It has a rounded roof.

What do we notice?

It is extremely large.

Can anyone tell me anything else that's interesting about the Mosque?

Much of it is made out of gold.



**Now look again
at these
places of worship.
Can you tell me
what Religion
they belong too?**

