

**Jesus death**

The last week of Lent is Holy Week, this is the most important time in the Christian calendar and is when Christians remember the last week of Jesus life. The Sunday before Jesus' death is called Psalm Sunday and Christians remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. On the Thursday before his death, Jesus told his disciples that one of them would betray him. Judas did betray him. This is called Maundy Thursday. Good Friday is the most solemn day of the week whereby people remember Jesus' death. Jesus carried his heavy cross to the hill where he would be crucified. In the morning, some Christians march holding wooden crosses and may fast to help them focus on their prayers. Holy Saturday is the final day of the week. In Orthodox churches, people begin a vigil at midnight on Easter Saturday and act out the story of Resurrection – Jesus rising from the dead.

**Contemporary Christians**

**The Pope:** Pope Francis  
The Bishop of Rome as head of the Roman Catholic Church.

**The archbishop of Canterbury:** Justin Welby  
The Archbishop of Canterbury is the senior bishop and principal leader of the Church of England

**The Queen:** Queen Elizabeth II  
The head of the Church of England.

**Christian attitudes and values**

Christian values refers to the values derived from the teachings of Jesus Christ and taught by Christians throughout the history of the religion. Some of these Biblical teachings portray attitudes and values such as:

- Love of God and neighbours
- Forgiveness of sins: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Matthew 6:12).
- Unconditional love: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Luke 6:27-28).
- Renunciation of vengeance: "If a man strikes you on one cheek, turn the other cheek" (Luke 6:29).

**Christian community**

Christians are part of a global community of more than two billion people. When babies are born they are welcomed into the Christian faith from the very start. A new baby will be baptised/christened and give their Christian names. Christians attend Church as part of a community, usually for Sunday service. Sunday is the Christian day of rest, this is when Christians will gather to pray and sing hymns together. Children may attend Sunday school and whilst the service is going on, children will read Bible stories about Jesus' teachings and learn prayers. Christians will celebrate important festivals such as Christmas and Easter with friends and their community. Christians don't just share with others at festivals – a central part of being a Christian is to help others in the community all year round. Churches host youth clubs and Church halls are often used for community activities. Christians also volunteer at charities and collect for those in need.

**Key vocabulary**

<b>community</b>	The condition of sharing or having certain attitudes and interests in common.
<b>hero</b>	A person who is admired for their courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.
<b>heaven</b>	A place regarded in various religions as the place of God (or the gods) and the angels, and of the good after death, often traditionally depicted as being above the sky.
<b>resurrection</b>	The rising of Christ from the dead.
<b>Samaritan</b>	A charitable or helpful person (with reference to Luke 10:33).
<b>prayer</b>	A solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God or another deity.
<b>preach</b>	To give a religious talk in church or another public place.
<b>mass</b>	A Roman catholic meal to remember the last meal Christ had with his followers.
<b>crucifixion</b>	Killing somebody by fastening them to a wooden cross and leaving them there to die.
<b>disciples</b>	Jesus' twelve followers.