

Religion Education Knowledge Map - Autumn 2 – Why does Christmas matter to Christians?



St. Leonard's Church



Vocabulary

1	Christianity	The religion based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ, or its beliefs and practices.
2	Christian	A person who has received Christian baptism or is a believer in Christianity.
3	God	In Christianity, the ruler of the universe and source of all moral authority; the supreme being.
4	Bible	The Christian scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments.
5	Church	A building used for public Christian worship.
6	Christmas	The annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth, held on 25 December. An opportunity to pause and give thanks for the love, hope and joy found in Jesus
7	Christingle	'Christingle' means 'Christ Child'. It is a symbol of Christianity, Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets or dried fruit and a candle. Each of these different elements has a special meaning: The orange symbolises the world. The red ribbon shows God's love for the world and the blood of Jesus. The sweets/dried fruit represent God's creations. The four cocktail sticks can represent either the four seasons or the four corners of the world. The candle represents Jesus being the light of the world, bringing hope to those in darkness.