

Church

A church is a building used for Christian religious activities. There are thousands of churches around the world and they can come in all sorts of different sizes, designs and materials. However, they all share the same purpose.

What happens inside a church:

- Worship
- Weddings
- Funerals
- Christening
- Baptisms

Church - A building used for public Christian worship.

The earliest identified Christian church building was a house church, the Dura-Europos church, founded between 233 and 256.

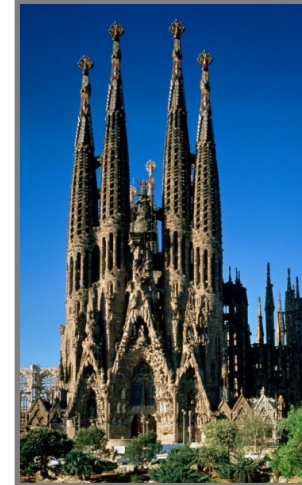
There are many different ways Christians celebrate inside the church. Many Christians believe that singing helps them communicate with God. It enables them to express many emotions including thanks, joy and sorrow.

Did you know?

In some parts of the world, snake handling can be found inside a church.

St. Peter's Basilica, in Vatican City, is said to be the largest church in the world. It is 448.1 feet tall, 730 feet long, and 500 feet wide. It covers approximately 240,000 square feet and has a capacity of 60,000 people.

Vatican City is the home of the Pope, the head of the Catholic Church.



La Sagrada Familia
Barcelona,
Spain



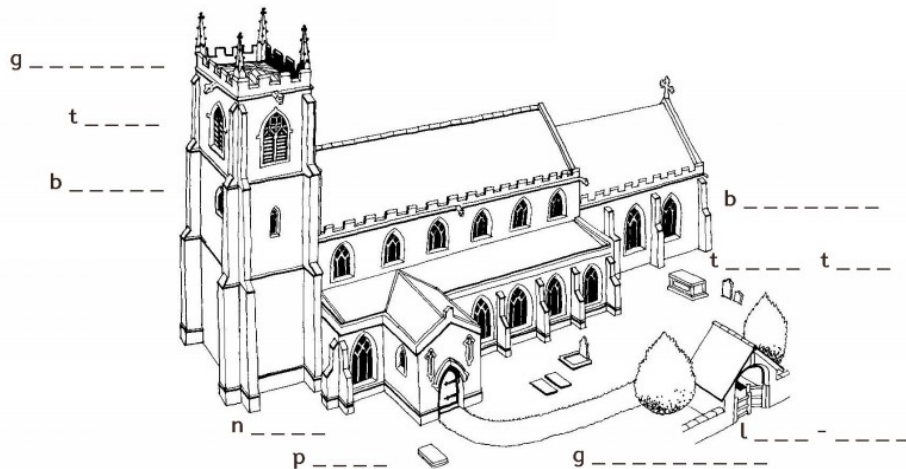
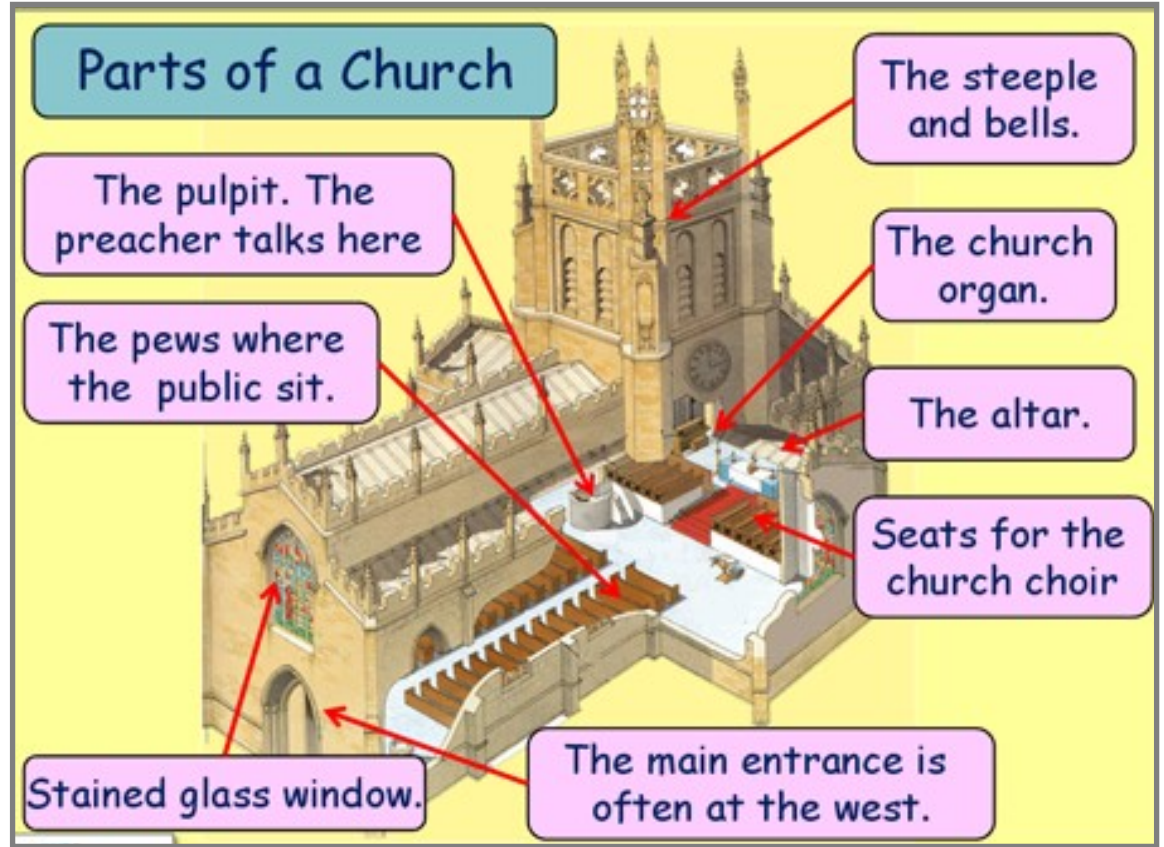
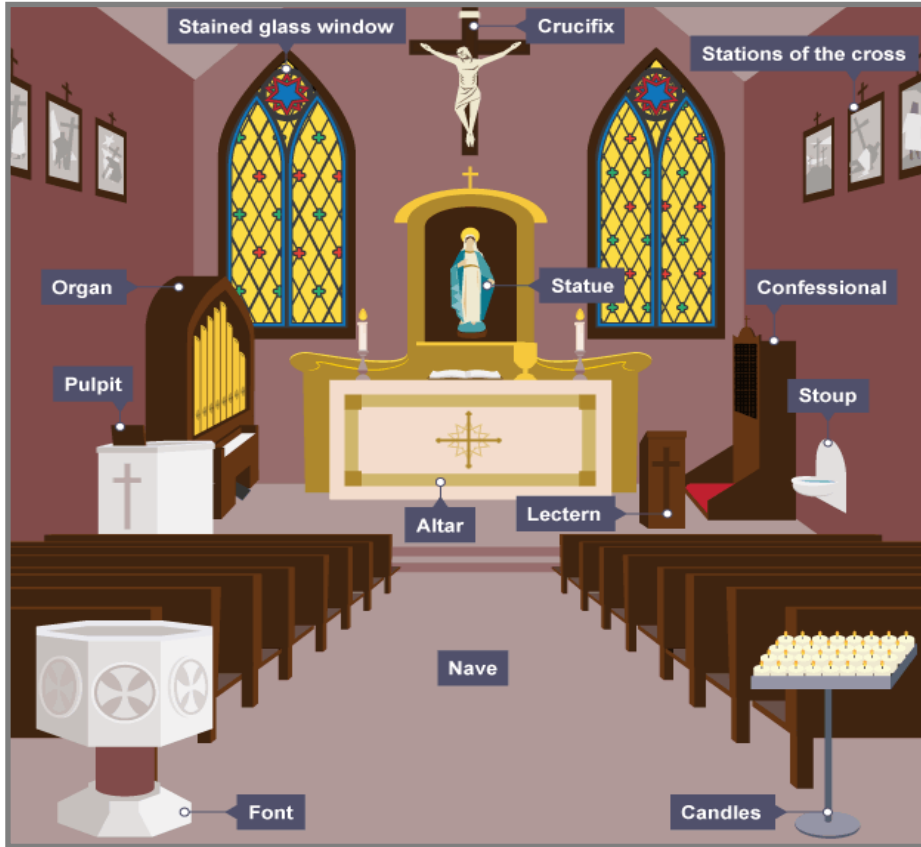
Canterbury Cathedral
Kent, England



Saint Basil's Cathedral
Moscow, Russia



Parts of a Church



Key Vocabulary

Belfry	Buttress	Gargoyle
Gravestone	Lych-gate	Niche
Porch	Table tomb	Tower