

How can artists help us to understand what Christians believe and do?



Key vocabulary:

Creativity - the art of being creative



Annunciation – the news given to Mary by Angel Gabriel that she would have a baby, God’s Son



Holy Week – the week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday



Crucifix - represents the death of Jesus
Cross – represents the death of Jesus, but also refers to the resurrection (Jesus is not on the cross)

Incarnation – (lit. in-carne = in flesh) the concept of God coming to earth as Jesus, God’s Son, who is both fully God and fully human



The Nativity – the occasion of Jesus’ birth



Core knowledge:

- Christian art often uses symbols and words to communicate ideas about and understanding of God
- Christians have used art for 2000 years to 'talk' about and worship God
- That the cross and Nativity art are used to express many aspects of the Christian understanding of the Incarnation and Salvation

Most Christians believe that:

- God came to live on earth in the person of Jesus Christ
- Jesus’ life and actions point to his identity as God
- Jesus’ death on the cross makes Salvation possible for all of humanity