Religious Education

# Year 1 – Christianity
## Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

## Key Vocabulary

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| **God** | Christians believe in one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit |
| **Christian** | Someone who has a relationship with Jesus Christ and believes in God |
| **Bible** | A religious book, which has many different Jewish and Christian stories |
| **parable** | A simple story with deep meaning told by Jesus |
| **advent** | The arrival of something new |
| **Incarnation** | Christians believe that Jesus became man and God |

## Key Knowledge

- Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem.
- The Bible points out that his birth showed that he was extraordinary (for example, he is worshipped as a king, in Matthew) and that he came to bring good news (for example, to the poor, in Luke).
- Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus' coming.

## Key Questions

What is Christmas and how do we know Christmas is coming?

Which signs of Jesus' story can be seen at St Simon and St Jude's church in the run-up to Christmas?

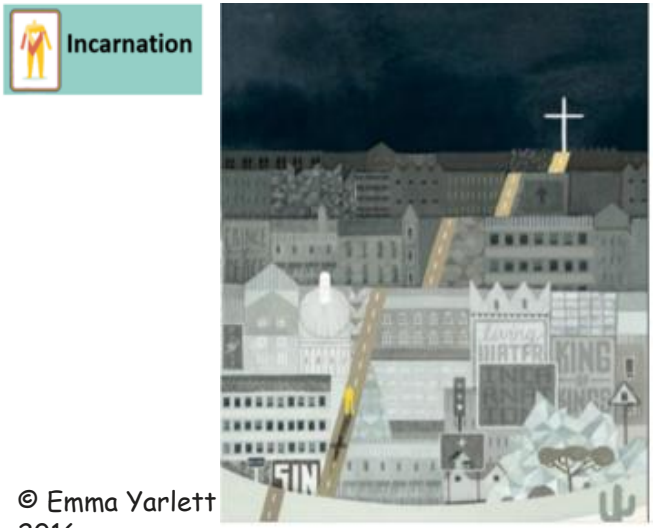
Which colour vestments will Reverend Castle wear at this time of year, and why?

What are most Christians thankful for, at Christmas time? How does this compare to you?

## Links to other Learning

- EYFS –Why is Christmas special to Christians?
- Year 3 – What is the 'Trinity' and why is it important to Christians?
- Year 5- Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?

## Incarnation




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## The Nativity



Can you name all the people in this nativity scene?

What did they give to Jesus?

Why was this baby so special?