









# YEAR 7 TERM 3: What is RELIGION like in my community? 1

## BRITAIN and CHRISTIANITY

How did Britain come to be regarded as Christian?

	Roman Emperor CONSTANTINE	↓	<b>313</b>	Britain was ruled by the Roman Empire. In 313, Constantine became a Christian and officially brought Christianity to Britain.
	Saint COLUMBA	↓	<b>563</b>	Christianity survived a resurgence of paganism because of people like Saint Columba.
	Saint AUGUSTINE	↓	<b>597</b>	Sent by the Pope, Saint Augustine helped to establish a stronghold between Christianity and Britain.
	ALFRED, the Christian King of Wessex	↓	<b>871</b>	The Vikings threatened Christianity but Alfred helped to stop that.
	WILLIAM the Conqueror	↓	<b>1066</b>	He had an important role in securing the church in England. He built lots of Big churches!
	King Henry VIII	↓	<b>1533</b>	Henry broke free from the Roman Catholic Church as he wanted a divorce. He set up the Church of England - a type of Protestant Christianity.
	Queen ELIZABETH I	↓	<b>1537-1603</b>	Edward VI - Protestant Mary - Catholic Elizabeth - Protestant. ↳ By the end of her reign, the majority of people were Protestant.
	King Charles III	↓	<b>Today!</b>	The current King is still the Head of the Church of England.

BUT ARE WE REALLY A CHRISTIAN COUNTRY?

**YES! ✓**

- 2021 Census - 46% of population is CHRISTIAN
- England has an established Church - Church of ENGLAND
- Our calendar is based on CHRISTIANITY.

**NO! X**

- Low church attendance
- Increased non-religious views
- Very diverse country - all faiths represented in Britain

RELIGION in EXMOUTH - CHRISTIANITY.

- 14+ churches in Exmouth. No other faiths have dedicated buildings in Exmouth.

### CASE STUDY: OPEN POOL EXMOUTH

- Their projects - community safe, child contact centre Haven, ICE Project, Men's Shed and Community Craft room.
- ↳ "FAITH, BY ITSELF, IS DEAD"  
ACTION IS DEAD!  
↳ Being a Christian isn't all about going to Church on a Sunday - it's about helping others.



Exmouth