



Christianity is the most popular religion in the world with over 2 billion adherents. 42 million Britons see themselves as nominally Christian, and there are 6 million who are actively practising.

- Christians believe that **Jesus** was the Messiah promised in the **Old Testament**.
- Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- Christians believe that God sent his Son to earth to save humanity from the consequences of its **sins**.
- One of the most important concepts in Christianity is that of Jesus giving his life on the Cross (the **Crucifixion**) and rising from the dead after the third day (the Resurrection).
- Christians believe that there is only one God, but that there are **three elements to this one God**:
 - God the Father
 - God the Son
 - The Holy Spirit
- Christians worship in churches.
- Their spiritual leaders are called priests or ministers.
- The Christian holy book is the **Bible**, and consists of the Old and New Testaments.
- Christian **holy days** such as **Easter** and **Christmas** are important milestones in the Western secular calendar