

Key Question: How do people celebrate special events in Cornwall and why are these important?

Year 4/5—Puffins

Subject: Religion and Worldviews

What should I know already?

A church is a sacred and holy place for Christians.
 There are different sacred places for believers in Cornwall, including Truro Cathedral.
 St Piran is the Patron Saint of Cornwall
 On the 5th March every year towns across Cornwall celebrate St Piran's Day.

Skills

- ◆ Reflect upon beliefs and practices.
- ◆ Explain concepts and practices.
- ◆ Consider thoughts, feelings, experiences, attitudes, beliefs and values of others.
- ◆ Identify key religious values and their connections with secular views.
- ◆ Relate learning to life.
- ◆ Make thoughtful judgements about the personal value of religious beliefs and practices.

Essential Knowledge

- ◆ Christmas and Easter are key Christian festivals.
- ◆ There are lots of local festivals celebrated in Cornwall at different points in the year (e.g. St Piran's Day, Flora Day, Mazey Day, Lafrowda).
- ◆ Marriages and Baptisms are important celebrations for people with religious beliefs, including Christians.
- ◆ Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land.
- ◆ Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient.
- ◆ In Britain we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. Harvest festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them
- ◆ The Harvest festival that we know today was introduced in the parish of Morwenstow, Cornwall in 1843 by Rev. Hawker.
- ◆ Victorian hymns such as 'We plough the fields and scatter', 'Come ye thankful people come' and 'All things bright and beautiful' helped popularize Rev. Hawker's idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produces for the Harvest Festival service.

Vocabulary

Awe	A feeling of amazement and respect mixed with fear that is often coupled with a feeling of powerlessness.
Baptism	A religious ceremony in which somebody is sprinkled with or immersed in water to symbolise purification.
Belonging	The state of being accepted and comfortable in a place or group.
Celebration	To mark a special occasion or day by ceremonies or festivities.
Celtic	Relating to the Celts or their languages, which constitute a branch of the Indo-European family and include Irish, Scottish Gaelic, Welsh and Cornish amongst others.
Commitment	Pledge devotion or dedication to somebody or something.
Community	A group of people with a common background or with shared interests within society.
Festival	A day or period of celebration, often one of religious significance.
Marriage	A legally recognised relationships, established by a civil or religious ceremony, between two people who intend to live together as partners.



Harvest Festival Celebrations



St Piran's Day



Christian marriage service