

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education
KS2 Additional Unit: Pilgrimage

- *What is a pilgrimage? What does pilgrimage involve?*
- *E.g. Jewish pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Christian pilgrimage to Walsingham, Lourdes, Iona, Jerusalem, Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah, Hindu pilgrimage to the Ganges, etc.*
- *Environmental impact of pilgrimage*

- Pilgrimage as a significant journey carried out for a special reason
- Examples of religious and non-religious pilgrimages (e.g. pilgrimage to a particular football ground or site of significance for your family, to war graves, to the place of birth of an important person, etc.)
- **Jerusalem:** a place of pilgrimage for Jews, Christians and Muslims; its significance for each group (**Judaism:** the site of the Jewish temple, destroyed in 70CE by the Romans; **Christianity:** the site of some of Jesus' teaching and of his death and resurrection; **Islam:** the third most holy site for Muslims (known as al-Quds), the place of the Dome of the Rock and the al-Asqa mosque; believed to be the place to which the Prophet Muhammad travelled during his night journey (a dream or vision) and prayed with the souls of the prophets, the place from which Muslims believe the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven); key features of the pilgrimages to Jerusalem for each religious group and the ways in which these relate to beliefs about God, the world and human beings
- **Christianity:** explore at least two Christian sites of pilgrimage, e.g. Lincoln, Walsingham, Lourdes, Lindisfarne, Jerusalem; possibility of including some pilgrimages relating to specific denominations of Christianity, e.g. sites connected with the Wesley brothers for Methodists or George Fox for Quakers; key features of the chosen pilgrimage and the ways in which these practices relate to Christian beliefs about God, the world and human beings; pilgrim badges as a symbol of having completed a pilgrimage
- **Hinduism:** the Kumbh Mela – a festival celebrated at four times over the course of twelve years at four different sites of pilgrimage, four sacred rivers; takes place over the course of around 50 days and involves upwards of 60 million pilgrims; the impact of this on the rivers and the local environment
- The impact of pilgrimage on the natural world and the way in which this challenges the value religious believers place on the environment and their duty to protect it