

# Christianity through the Ages

## Talking it through: Teacher notes

Although only 6 minutes long the Christianity through the Ages video presentation contains a lot of information. A discussion with pupils will allow them to digest the information and retain it for later recall.

The video script was written based on a number of Key Ideas that could be used as the basis of questions to prompt discussion.

Key Idea	Suggested question.
Christianity in Britain has a long history.	When did Christianity begin in Britain? What other periods of history are mentioned?
During that time its relationship with society has changed.	Has Christianity remained the same since the Roman period?
In the Norman period the church was part of the kingdoms power structure.	What effect did the Norman conquest have on the church and the country?
In the medieval period it was part of everyday life.	Did medieval people only think about religion on Sundays?
The Cathedrals.	Where would you find a Cathedral?
The parish church.	What would village churches look like?
The monasteries.	Where did monks and nuns live?
The hermits.	What was a hermit?
The reformation began the separation of the church from the state.	How did the church change after the plagues and famine of the 14 <sup>th</sup> century?
The dissolution of the monasteries.	What happened to the monasteries that were so common in England?
Dissenting voices.	Did everyone agree about religion?
A slow journey to greater tolerance.	What is different today?

Looking at the subject it is possible to see how the changes over time have shaped the world we live in today, but there are many aspects of Christianity in the past that pupils can recognise and connect to.