

The Christ We Share

Christians around the world

Objective

The aim of this module is to learn from the experience of Christians in different parts of the world.

Only six unit outlines are provided which look at the spread of the gospel with a particular focus on the spread to the British Isles and the impact of British missionaries in the later spread of the gospel.

It is intended that the remaining units will be taken up with speakers who have experience of Christian life and witness in other parts of the world. Some of these may be mission agencies purposefully involved in evangelism, bearing in mind that in many countries Christians are persecuted or proselytism is punishable by prison or execution. Others may have extensive experience of Christian life in different cultures which should remind children that Christianity is not a western or British religion. Some may be working with charities concerned for the relief of those in need, though remembering that the greatest need of all people is to know the love of God and the gift of eternal life through faith in Christ.

It is possible to use the internet in order to have people in other parts of the world take a live part in school worship in this country.

The Spreading Word

The six units provided look first at the early traditions about how the gospel was spread to other countries but with a particular focus on the ministry of Thomas in India, Assyria (modern Iraq) and Persia (modern Iran). Module two is about the spread of the gospel in the British Isles. In module three we look at how the British at first failed to evangelise the Angles and Saxon settlers, and were driven to the extremities of the British Isles, and how, finally, many Angles and Saxons, and later Vikings, were evangelised. The remaining three units are about three well known missionaries from the UK who were later involved in the spread of the gospel in India, China and Africa.