

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE MIND THAT OPENS TO A  
NEW IDEA NEVER RETURNS TO  
ITS ORIGINAL SIZE.

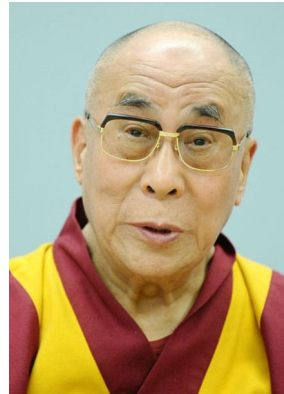
Albert Einstein

## Vicar

A vicar is an ordained priest who is assigned to a particular parish. Working from the church in his or her Parish, a vicar holds religious services such as communal worship, marriages, funerals and christenings. A vicar provides the focal point of a parish, a localised religious community composed of parishioners. Parishioners, or equally non-practising individuals can go to the vicar in times of crisis, spiritual doubt or simply for friendship and guidance

## Ultimate and non-ultimate questions

Do all questions have a definite answer? Does everyone believe in the same stories? How does our culture and heritage change our opinions and viewpoints?



Who inspires you?  
What makes someone a  
good leader?

Images:

Dalai Lama and Mother  
Theresa

## Rabbi

In Judaism, "rabbi" is a title of respect. The primary role of a rabbi is to teach Torah. In addition, rabbis often act as the religious leader of a Jewish community. In contrast to many other religions, a rabbi is not required to be present at life cycle events in Judaism. Rabbis preside over life cycle events.



## Key Vocabulary

Judaism Christianity Rabbi  
Vicar Priest Synagogue  
Church Creation Story  
Belief Culture Opinion  
Curiosity Inspiration

# RELIGION IN ZIMBABWE



## Traditional Religion in Zimbabwe

Both Shona and Ndebele traditions recognise an ever-present creator that oversees all living beings. The Shona god is known as 'Mwari' whilst the Ndebele god is called 'uMlimu'. There is a widespread belief that the spirits of ancestors (vadzimu in Shona or amadlozi in Ndebele) and deceased chiefs (mhondoro) continue to exist in the community influencing and affecting life.

## Christianity in Zimbabwe

Christianity is the most dominant faith in Zimbabwe, followed by roughly 87.4% of the population.<sup>2</sup> It was introduced to the Zimbabwean people by British missionaries as early as the 14th century. Today, it has become a powerful cultural force.

# RELIGION IN OUR LOCAL AREA



What is the Sabbath?

The Sabbath is a weekly day of rest or time of worship given in the Bible as the seventh day. It is observed differently in Judaism and Christianity and informs a similar occasion in several other faiths.



Think about the world around us

How are we similar?

How are we different?

The essence of all religions is one. Only their approaches are different.

Mahatma Gandhi