

Unit 1.8 KC4RE: What makes some people and places in Cornwall sacred?

Enquiry Questions

- Which places are special and important to me?
- What places are sacred in Cornwall?
- Who are the Cornish Saints and why are the special?
- Why is St. Piran important to Cornwall?
- Which other places are special and sacred in Cornwall?

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Something that is holy or sacred is very precious for religious people and is often linked to worship. There are lots of different sacred places for believers of all faiths in Cornwall. These include buildings, standing stones, wells and Celtic crosses.

St. Cyriacus and St. Julitta Church is our local church in Luxulyan. There is one cathedral in Cornwall and that is in the City of Truro.



Luxulyan Church



Truro Cathedral

Cornwall has always been a place of pilgrimage for Christians. Over the centuries, hundreds of saints have been associated with Cornwall. Some of the most famous include St. Piran and St. Petroc. Lots of places is Cornwall are named after Cornish Saints. Our house teams are named after St. Sulien, St. Cyriac and St. Julitta.

Saint Piran is the Patron Saint of Cornwall. On the 5th March every year towns across Cornwall celebrate St Piran's Day. St Piran was around a long time ago (5th Century) He sailed from Ireland to Cornwall on a millstone. He landed at Perranporth and built a chapel for people to worship in. Hundreds of people make a pilgrimage to Perranporth and the site of the chapel every year. St Piran has been associated with finding tin in the rocks of Cornwall and the Cornish flag represents this.

Key Vocabulary

Cornwall, Kernow, holy, sacred, worship, church, cathedral, standing stone, well, Celtic cross, Saint, celebrate, pilgrimage