

Religious Studies Topic of the Month

April 2025

How can stained-glass windows in a church, support the community?

Topic of the month aims to stimulate discussion at Key Stages 4 and 5 and bring religion to life. This can be achieved by considering religion's relevance in our vast modern world. We have selected a current news article, which you may wish to read and integrate into your teaching practice, using the discussion prompts provided.



Disclaimer:

This topic relates to an article, written by Susan Gray for Church times* and is entitled "Church's stained-glass windows commemorate victims of Grenfell fire".

Introduction

This article discusses the creation of stained-glass windows in a church to honour and remember the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire.

(Click here to access the article)

Discussion prompts

- How could stained-glass windows serve as a form of religious expression?
- What is the significance of memorials in religious spaces?
- In what ways can churches support communities after tragedies?
- How do memorials in religious settings influence community cohesion?
- How might religious rituals aid in the grieving process?
- Why is it important for the figures in the stained glass to reflect the diversity of the communities today?

Links to topics featured in our specifications:

- **GCSE:**
 - Religious attitudes towards equality
 - Prayer
 - The role and importance of the local church in the local community