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Important Facts

What do colours symbolise in Christianity?

- **White** is displayed at Christmas, Easter Trinity Sunday and All Saints' Day. It is used at happy events, such as weddings and baptisms. White symbolises purity and holiness (being close to God). It also shows respect and honour.
- **Red** is used during most of Holy Week and Pentecost. Red is a symbol of the fire that appeared on the disciples' heads at Pentecost and also reminds Christians of Jesus' blood when he died.
- **Purple** is used during Advent and from Ash Wednesday until the day before Holy Week. Purple symbolises Jesus' title of the King of kings.
- **Green** is displayed from the day after Candlemas until Shrove Tuesday, and also from the day after Pentecost until the day before All Saints' Day. Green is a symbol of life and reminds Christians that Jesus rose from the dead.

<p><u>The Salvation Army Flag</u></p> <p>Blood & Fire</p> <p>Blue = holiness</p> <p>Red = God the Son (shedding of blood)</p> <p>Yellow = Holy Spirit (fire)</p>	<p><u>Symbols in Christianity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cross is where Jesus died, (known as the crucifixion). Jesus showed his love for humanity by dying in this way. • The Dove signifies peace and the Holy Spirit. • The Ichthus (also known as the fish) was a secret symbol for Christians. • The Candle signifies Jesus as light into darkness. • Trinity represents the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. • The Stations of the Cross: a series of images that show Jesus on the day of his crucifixion.
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Key Vocabulary:

purity holiness disciples crucifixion peace

Pentecost Advent Ash Wednesday Holy Week Crucifix Holy Spirit