

YEAR 7 TERM 3: What is RELIGION like in my Community? 2

BRITAIN and ATHEISM

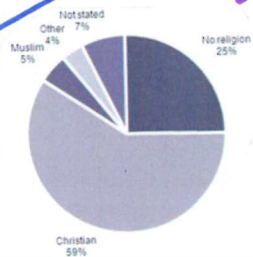
An atheist does not believe in a god or gods.

Humanism...

- Humanists UK
- Is a non-religious movement.
 - Humanists do not think there is a god.
 - They do not believe in life after death.
 - Religion should not be involved in politics.

- Trust science to be able to explain our universe
 - Promotes the idea that we only have one life and we should live it to the fullest.
 - We can find purpose and meaning in our lives without a god.
- WHY IS HUMANISM BECOMING MORE + MORE POPULAR?

- Many people want to mark key moments in life with ceremonies but without religion.
- Humanist celebrants are trained to create write and conduct naming ceremonies, weddings and funerals that are personal and non-religious.
- There are over 500 celebrants in Humanists UK.



- National Census 2011
- ★ 59% of the population was Christian (down from 72% in 2001).
 - ★ 25% of the population was non-religious (up from 15% in 2001).

This shows Christianity is DECLINING and atheism is INCREASING.

Stats!

- ▼ This is a global non-religious community that come together to celebrate life.
- ▼ They hold regular meetings where they sing pop songs, hear poetry, listen to speakers and have tea and cake.
- ▼ It was started by two British comedians in 2013 and there are now over 40 Sunday Assemblies around the world.

THEIR VALUES (and motto)

▼ LIVE BETTER - they provide ideas to help people live the lives they want to lead.

▼ HELP OFTEN - They try to encourage people to help others.

▼ WONDER MORE - want us to connect with others and the world.

WHY ARE SUNDAY ASSEMBLIES POPULAR?

- Many people want what a religious community offers without the 'god bit'.
- Connect with others
- make friends
- socialise
- Be part of something
- want to be inspired by others and learn more.



You Gov study on Christianity in Britain 2020 (2169 people surveyed).

- ★ 55% surveyed are NOT a member of any religion.
- ★ 41% do not believe in a god or a higher power.
- ★ Of those who are religious, only half of them believe in god.

BUT ★ 56% said they thought Britain was a CHRISTIAN country