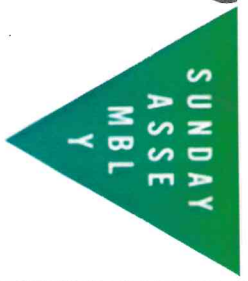


YEAR 7 TERM 3: What is RELIGION like in my community? 2

BRITAIN and ATHEISM

An atheist does not believe in a god or gods.

Sunday Assemblies



- ▶ 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 be with the world.

WHY ARE SUNDAY ASSEMBLIES POPULAR?

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

Humanism

- 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.

Humanists UK

- 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?

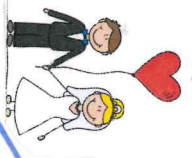
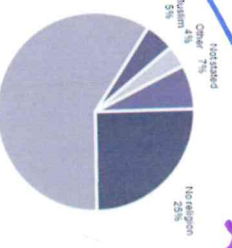
Stats!

National Census 2021

- 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.

- ★ 46% of the population was Christian (down from 72% in 2001 and 59% in 2011)
- ★ 37% of the population was non-religious (up from 15% in 2001 and 25% in 2011)

This shows Christianity is DECLINING and atheism is INCREASING.



- 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 1/3 of them believe in god.
- BUT ★ 56% said they thought Britain was a CHRISTIAN country

