

#### **Christian Belief**

One God whose nature is love and who is.....

Father (Creator)

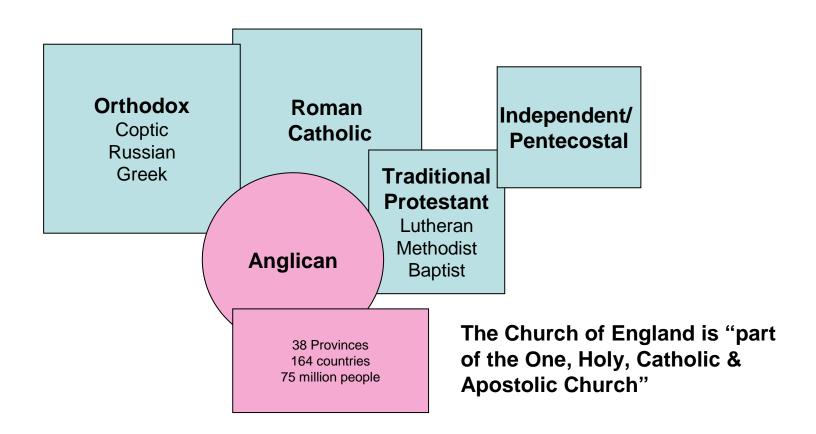
Who is known sufficiently in the Bible, especially in the Gospe

Jesus (The Word of God, Redeemer, who lived, was crucified and is risen)

Holy Spirit (Sustainer and Inspirer) Who is known sufficiently in the Bible, especially in the Gospels.
And who is worshipped in prayer, communion and daily life

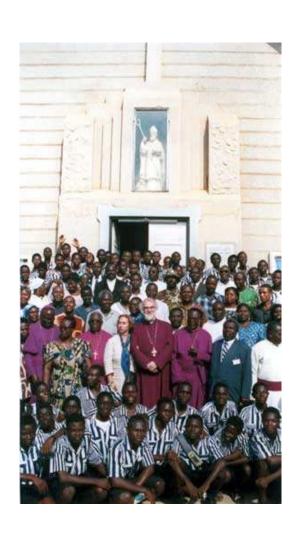


### **The universal Christian family**





### **The Anglican Communion**



The 38 Provinces and 164 countries of the Anglican Communion

**Archbishop** 

of Canterbury

Lambeth Conference

Primates Meeting

Anglican
Consultative
Council
& Office



### **The Church of England**



Church Commissioners

Dioceses & Parishes

General Synod

Archbishop of Canterbury

Bishops

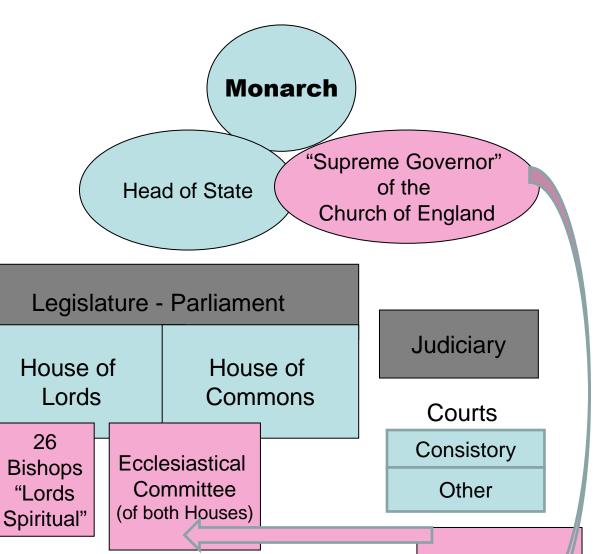
Laity

Clergy

Archbishops' Council



#### **Church of England:** Church & **State**



Not a secular constitution

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➤ Daily prayers in Parliament

Executive

PM &Cabinet

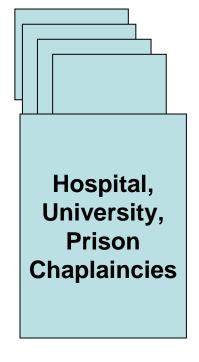
Civil Service

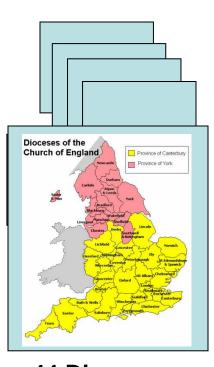
- ➤ Compulsory Daily Collective Worship in schools
- > Religiously governed State funded schools
- ➤ Church buildings as public places

General Synod/ Convocation

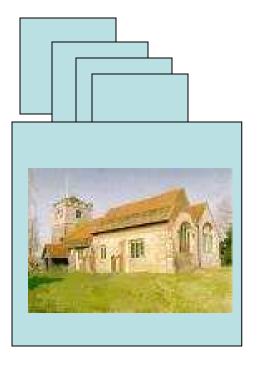


### **The Church of England**

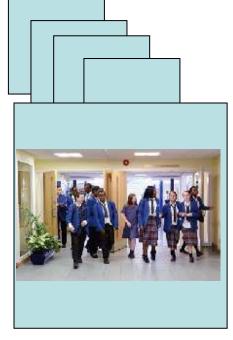




**44 Dioceses** 



13,000 Parishes



25% of all Primary schools

### The Archbishop of Canterbury

# Knowing leaders personally

Shaykh Tantawi
Prof Tariq Ramadan
Chief Rabbis of
Israel
Grand Mufti of Syria

# Knowing key situations personally

Pakistan Sudan Israel/Palestine Europe

# Connecting people and situations

Anglican Network for Inter
Faith Concerns
Christian Muslim Forum
Hindu Christian Forum
Council of Christians and
Jews

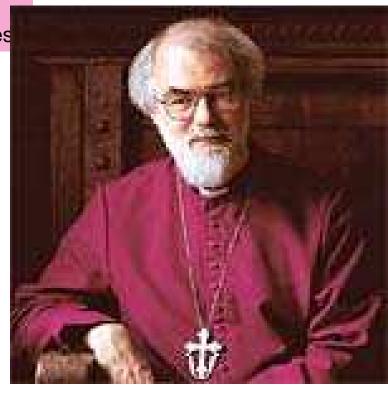
Religions for Peace
The Lambeth Conferences

# Gathering the scholars together

Qatar Sarajevo Georgetown Singapore Rome Turkey

#### **Providing intellectual foundations**

Azhar al Sharif on the Trinity
Islamabad on Christianity
WCC on inter Faith Relations
Cambridge on Covenant
Published writings





## A society with many religions society

	Total	%of Faith	% % % of population
Christian	35,251,244	92.3%	71.7%
Buddhist	139,046	0.4%	0.3%
Hindu	546,982	1.4%	1.1%
Jewish	257,671	0.7%	0.5%
Muslim	1,524,887	3.9%	3.1%
Sikh	327,343	0.9%	0.7%
Other	143,811	<u>0.5%</u>	<u>0.3%</u>
		100.0%	77.7%
No religion 7,171,332			14.6%
Not stated 3,776,515			<u>7.7%</u>
49,138,831			100.0%

#### **Inter Faith Relations**

- Growth in other Faith communities by immigration & birth rate
- Full freedom of religious practice, including conversion, backed by legal provision
- Growth in multi Faith provision in education, public services, government
- Separation in major urban areas
- Rising anxiousness in society

### **Inter Faith Relations in the UK**





#### **Multilateral**

- **➢Inter Faith Network UK**
- >250 Councils of Faiths
- **≻**Hospital, education & prison chaplaincies
- >The Three Faiths Forum



#### **Bilateral**

- >Council of Christians and Jews
- >Christian Muslim Forum
- >Hindu Christian Forum

The Churches Inter Religious Network

#### **Academic**

- **≻**Cambridge Inter Faith programme
- > Heythrop College
- **Centre for Study of Islam and Christianity, Oxford**

#### **Governmental**

- >DCLG Race, Cohesion & Faiths
- >DCLG Faith Communities Consultative Council
- **≻**Government Prevent programme
- >FCO Engaging with the Islamic World programme



#### **Relations with Muslim communities**

#### **Church of England**

Christian Muslim
Forum
Scholars meetings
Faith Leaders Forums
Local dialogue groups

# Archbishop of Canterbury

Building Bridges
International
meetings
World Islamic Call
Society

# Anglican Communion

Al Azhar dialogue

#### Personal friendship and professional relationships





