

## KEY WORDS

**Akhand Path** - reading the Guru Granth Sahib continuously from cover to cover, which takes about 48 hours.

**Amrit Sanskar** - acceptance ceremony of Sikhism.

**Baisakhi** - another word for Vaisakhi festival.

**Bhangra** - a special dance associated with the Punjab area and India.

**Chaplain** - one who does similar work as a vicar or minister but not in a church or chapel e.g. in a hospital or prison.

**Congregations** - groups that meet to worship and learn about God and Jesus in churches / chapels.

**Contemporary** - something modern, not old-fashioned.

**Crucifixion** - Roman punishment when a person was nailed to two pieces of wood in the shape of a cross. Jesus Christ was killed in this way.

**Denominations** - Christians of the world are divided into different groups e.g. Anglicans, Catholics, Presbyterians, Baptists, Orthodox Church, Quakers. They worship in different ways, and sometimes learn different things about God.

**Dhikr** - silent prayers of the mind in Islam

**Duas** - an act of worship in Islam where the Muslim surrenders himself entirely to Allah.

**Eid al-Fitr** - the festival that ends Ramadan.

**Eid Mubarak** - the traditional greeting on Eid al-Fitr - 'may you have a blessed Eid.'

**Eidi** - the gifts given to children on Eid.

**Fasting** - doing without something, usually food, for a while.

**Ghushl** - cleansing the body before worshipping in Islam.

**Gospels** - the first four books of the New Testament, the second half of the Bible, where the authors, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell the story of Jesus.

**Gurdwara** - a building of Sikh worship and meeting.

**Guru Granth Sahib** - the holy book of Sikhism.

**Henna** - patterns made mostly on the hands.

**Holy Spirit** - Christians believe in the Trinity - God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a person, but we cannot see him. Jesus sent the Spirit to help and guide Christians after he returned to heaven.

**In word and deed** - in speaking and in doing.

**Karah parshad** - blessed sweet food - a small portion is given to each visitor to the prayer hall in the gurdwara.

**Khalsa** - A term for the Sikh community.

**Kirtan** - sing sacred hymns to the accompaniment of musical instruments.

**Langar** - the kitchen in the Gurdwara and also the free food that is served there.

**Makkah** - the holy city of the religion of Islam in Saudi Arabia.

**Messiah** - In the Old Testament, God had promised a Messiah to the Jews - one who would save them from their troubles with the power of God.

**Muhammad** - The Last and Most Important Prophet in Islam.

**Nishan Sahib** - the Sikh flag.

**Panj Pyare** - The Five Beloved Ones to remember the brave who risked their lives for Sikhism / Gurdwara leaders.

**Praise** - usually singing hymns / songs of praise to God.

**Punjab** - a region of India and the home of Sikhs.

**Quran** - The holy book of the religion of Islam.

**Ramadan** - a month of fasting in Islam.

**Repent** - be really sorry for doing bad things, say sorry and then stop doing those things.

**Resurrection** - coming back to life after death.

**Reveal** - show, give information.

**Sermon** - a religious message that is delivered to people. It is usually based on a passage from the Bible.

**Traditional** - something that has been done for a long time.

**Turban** - a special Sikh headdress.

**Witnesses** - people who have seen something happen and can tell the story.