# \*Special places for the Christian community.

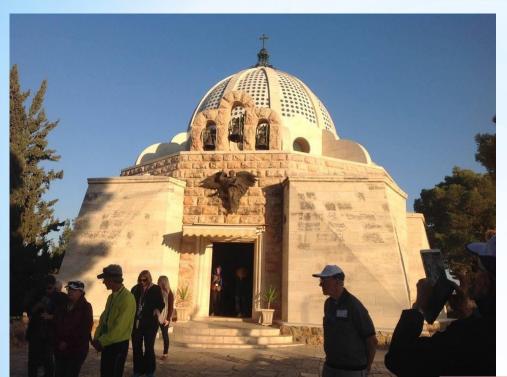
#### \*Pilgrimage

- \*Many countries around the world have their own pilgimage. It is a **journey**, especially a long one, made to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion
- \*Part of a pilgrimage to a special place is that it reminds people how important it is to pray and take time to think about what is important in their lives.
- \*Let's have a look at some of them.



Pilgrimage to Lourdes





# Pilgrimage to Bethlehem

Pilgrimage to Jerusalem



# \*Places of pilgrimage in England and Wales

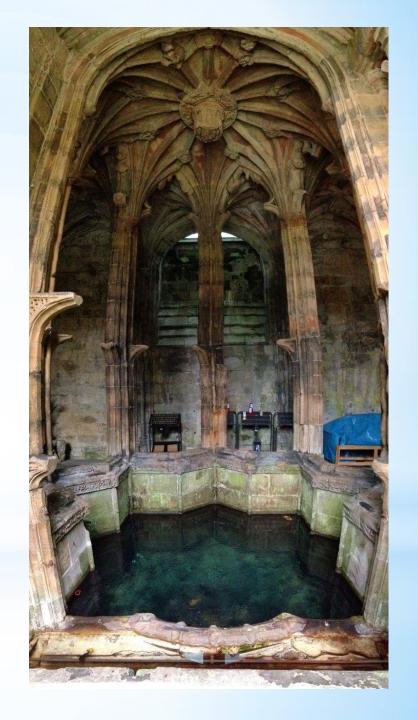
\*Our Lady's shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk. This shrine honours the Annunciation and was one of the greatest shrines for Christians in medieval times - when travel to the Holy Land was very difficult.



\*Our Lady of the Taper is the national Catholic shrine of Wales. It is in Cardigan. A legend describes how a statue of Mary was found about one thousand years ago by the side of the river Teifi. The statue was of Mary with Jesus on her lap and a candle (taper) burning in her hand.



\*St Winefride's Well in Holywell, North Wales, centres round a holy woman called Winefride who lived in the 7th century. She became a saint and her well at Holywell has been a place of pilgrimage and healing since that time.



## \*Time for Reflection

Lord, thank you for giving us so many special places

In our homes, In our school,

in our churches, in our world,

in our hearts.

Help us to take time to be still.

## \*Task 1

\*In the past, pilgrims often returned from their pilgrimage with a badge to show where they had been. Pilgrims to the shrine of St James at Compostella in Spain wore a shell badge. We would like you to research one of the shrines we have looked at today and design a badge for one of the special places of pilgrimage. Then write a few sentences underneath to describe the badge and give reasons for why you chose it.



