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What is a monastic community?

- A **community** of persons, especially **monks**, bound by vows to a religious life and often living in partial or complete seclusion.



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- a) What kind of person or people can you see?
- b) What characteristics they think they might have?
- c) What do you think they might say or think?
- d) What questions would you like to ask them?

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There are monastic communities of men and of women within the Church of England.



Living in a monastic community is a particular way of living out the Christian faith followed by some people

There are different models of monastic life, some active, some contemplative.

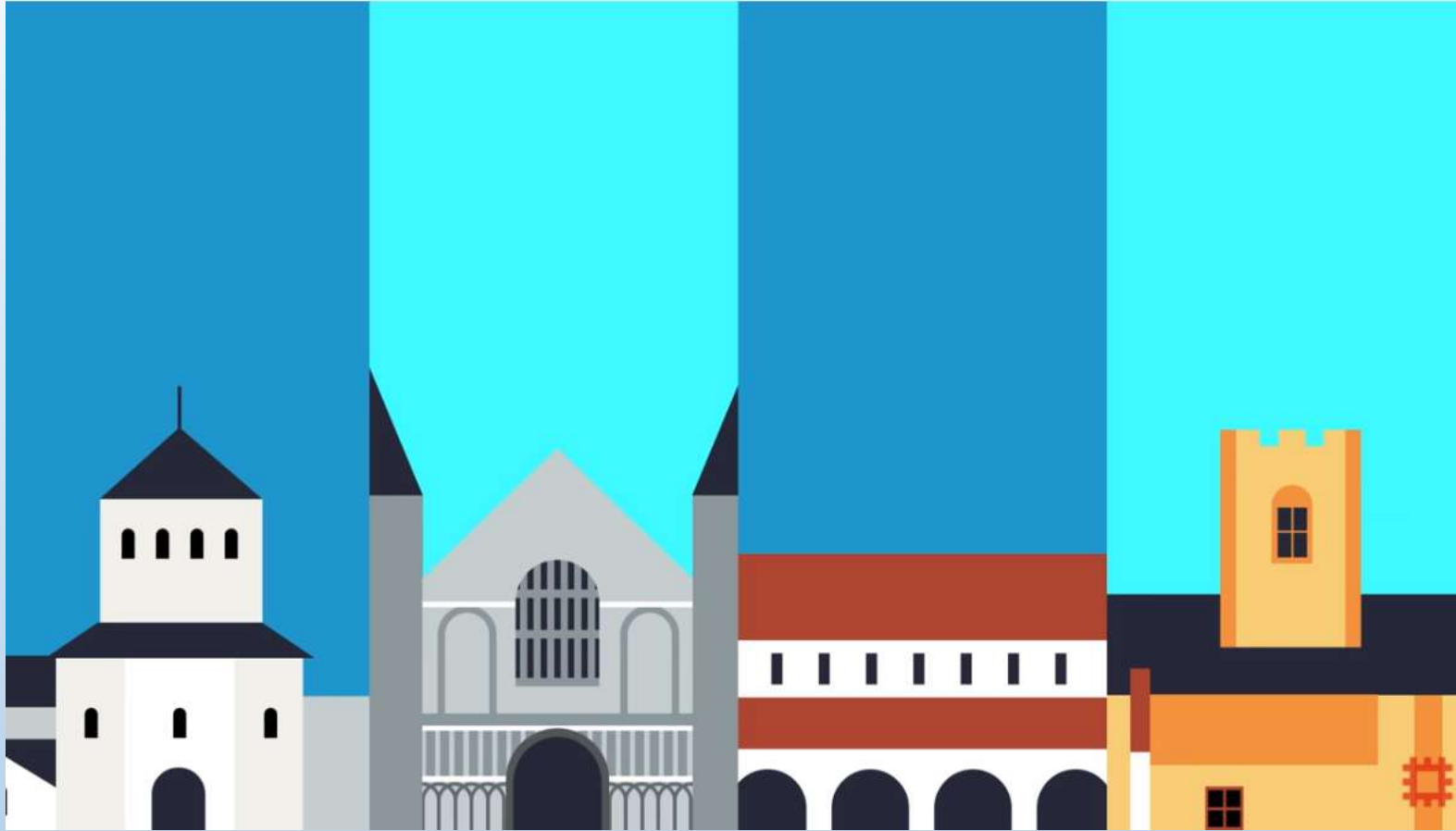


Christian commitment takes different forms for different people.



Living in community with others offers challenges, as well as opportunities.

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In this short video you will learn about some of the beliefs and lifestyles of a few different medieval monasteries.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbT6IkMQxck>

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[Click here to find out what life was like for a monk in a medieval monastery](#)

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Choose a monastic community. Is there one local to us?

Some other examples might include:

www.altonabbey.com

www.csmvonline.org.uk

[Anglican communities](#)

Your task is to investigate the key features of your chosen community and to build up a profile of it in whatever format you choose – booklet, display, website etc. You should look at the different aspects such as its history, its daily life, its members, its vows, its values etc and what it involves to belong to or to join it

