

### Teacher notes

The following activity covers the role of the Church of England in society.

### Activity one

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Sort the statements in the Venn diagram. Do they show the Church had a social, or a political role? Or is it both?

### Activity two

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Complete the table on p. 4

### Activity three

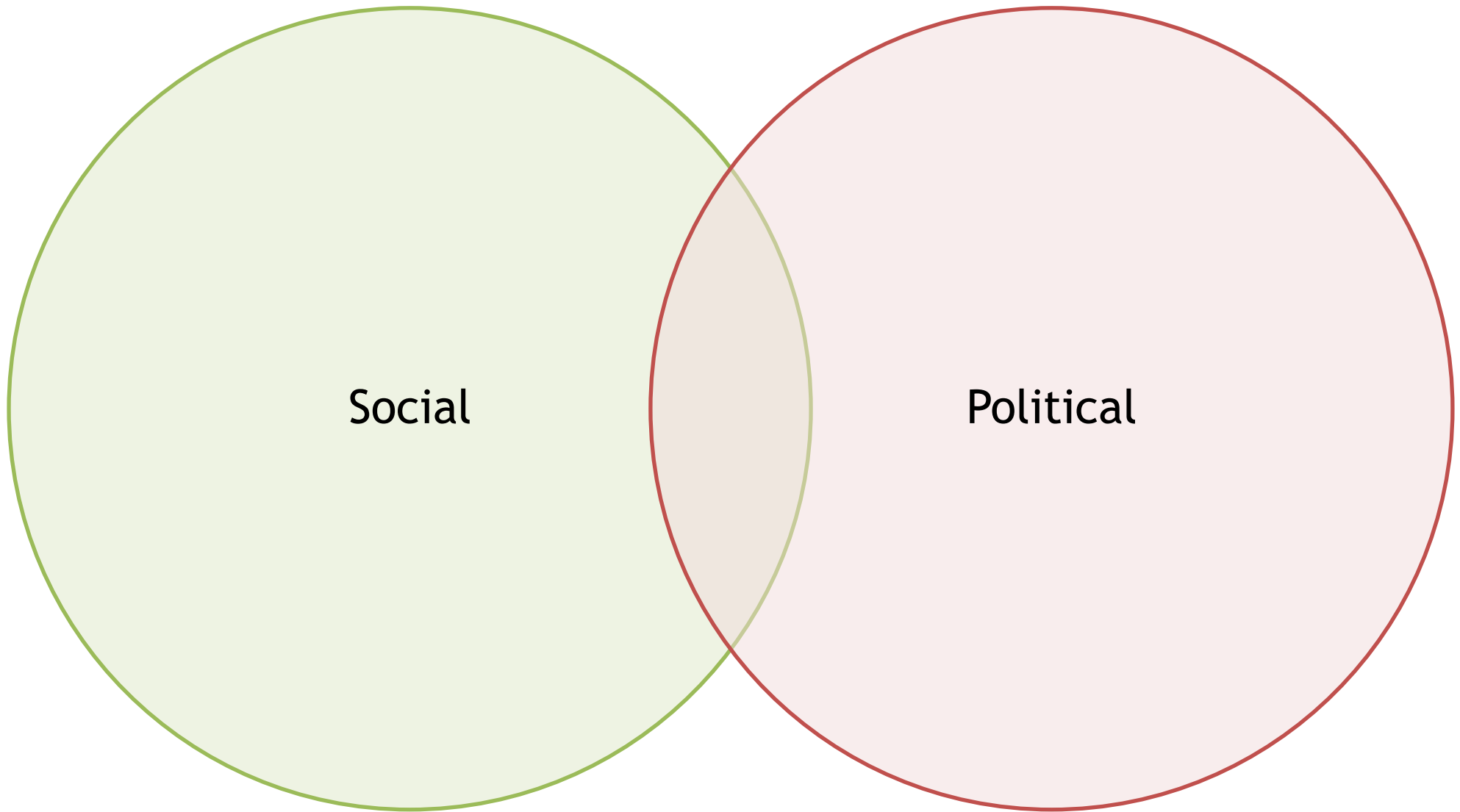
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Discuss with a partner, and then write a short paragraph explaining the role of the Church.

### Role statements

1. It gave power to the monarch through endorsing the monarch's actions and statements
2. It was used as a method of control - The Church, through sermons, reinforced messages in society about status and role. Women were viewed as inferior to men and this was firmly supported by the Church - The Scottish protestant leader John Knox wrote "*Woman in her greatest perfection was made to serve and obey man*".
3. Ran the Church Courts - ruling on Church based issues such as behaviour of clergy and also disputes over marriage, wills, inheritance and crimes such as bigamy
4. Controlled the preaching in England through the issuing of licences to priests. Only those approved by Church and Government could be licenced.
5. The Church was at the centre of ordinary life - baptisms, weddings, harvest festivals and Holy Days were all celebrated within the Church.
6. It enforced the religious settlement ensuring that the practices put in place occur across the country.
7. It gave guidance to the community at times of hardship e.g. Bad harvests.
8. It was a source of revenue - The Church was a huge landowner in England and Elizabeth often used the revenues from church land and offices to support her needs. She regularly left bishoprics vacant so that the Crown could collect episcopal rents.
9. It was a source of patronage - Elizabeth could award titles and promotions to favourites to ensure support.





Role	People/Monarch	How did it do this?
It gave control		
It offered support		
It reinforced authority		
It raised revenue		