



West Gallery

The Romans were much influenced by Ancient Greek religion, and had the same gods and goddesses as the Greeks, just with different names.

Rome conquered Greece in 146BC, but there had been Greek colonies in Italy and therefore Greek religion had spread before then. The Romans recognised that they that could control a conquered nation better by adopting elements of local culture, and they carried out this practice throughout the Empire.



The tapestry panels here show:

- **Juno** (Queen of the Gods)
- **Eros** (God of love);
- **Jupiter** (King of the Gods)
- **Diana** (Goddess of the hunt)
- **Mars** (God of War).

The Ancient Greeks called them Hera, Cupid, Zeus, Artemis and Ares but they were still gods of the same things.