

## Half term revision!

Please write out answers to at least 1b), c) and d) question from this list.

### Christian Beliefs

- b) Describe Christian beliefs about God
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about suffering
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about the Trinity
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about the Incarnation
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about the Crucifixion
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about the Resurrection
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about the Ascension
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about salvation
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about atonement
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about the Bible
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about the Grace
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about the Holy Spirit
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about life after death
  - b) Describe Christian beliefs about Judgement
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- c) Explain why the belief in the Trinity is important to Christians
  - c) Explain why some Christians believe in a literal version of the creation story and some do not
  - c) Explain the importance of salvation and atonement for Christians
  - c) Explain why belief in the events of Jesus' life is important to Christians
  - c) Explain why belief in the Holy Spirit is important to Christians
  - c) Explain why belief in life after death is important to Christians
  - c) Explain why belief in resurrection is important to Christians
  - c) Explain why belief in heaven is important to Christians
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- d) "If God is all loving, suffering cannot exist"
- Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)
- d) "The creation story is literally true"

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

d) "Jesus had to die"

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

d) "The Bible is the most important source of wisdom and authority"

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

d) "The Holy Spirit is the most important part of the Trinity"

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

d) "The afterlife is more important than this one"

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

d) "Jesus was just an ordinary man"

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### Christian Practises

- b) Describe Christian beliefs about worship
- b) Describe Christian beliefs about prayer
- b) Describe Christian beliefs about Baptism
- b) Describe Christian beliefs about the Eucharist
- b) Describe Christian beliefs about Pilgrimage
- b) Describe Christian beliefs about the Church
- b) Describe the work of Tearfund
- b) Describe the work of the ecumenical movement
- b) Describe the work of the World Council of Churches
  
- c) Explain why worship is important to Christians
- c) Explain why prayer is important to Christians
- c) Explain why Christians worship in different ways
- c) Explain why belief in the sacraments is important to Christians
- c) Explain why belief in Baptism is important to some Christians
- c) Explain why Christians have different beliefs about the Eucharist
- c) Explain why pilgrimage is important to Christians
- c) Explain why some would argue that Britain is a Christian country
- c) Explain why the Church is important in the local community
- c) Explain why the work of Tearfund is important
- c) Explain why the ecumenical movement is important
- c) Explain the social role of the Church in the community

d) "Worship should be performed in a group"

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

d) "Prayer is the most important part of Christianity"

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

d) "Worship should be loud and joyful"

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

d) "Pilgrimage is not important to modern Christians"

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

d) "The Church is the most important part of the Christian faith"

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

d) "You can never reconcile the conflict between different Christian Churches"

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

d) "Christianity in Britain is on the decline"

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## Different types of Worship

**Informal Worship** (no set pattern e.g. **Pentecostal, Evangelical, Quakers**)

- “They (the disciples) were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages” (Speaking in tongues – Bible)

**Liturgical Worship:** (set pattern e.g. **Catholic – Eucharist, Lord’s Prayer**)

- “Our father in heaven, your name is holy, give us this day our daily bread, forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us” (**Lord’s Prayer** - Bible)

**Individual Worship:** personal worship/prayer

- “Go to your room, lock the door and pray” (Bible)

## Pilgrimage (a difficult journey to a sacred place)

Why? – show commitment to God, get closer to God, atonement.

**Walsingham:** In Norfolk, site of a vision of the **Virgin Mary** and **birth of Jesus** (1061 AD), Shrine and Church built there. Some think Holy Water there will **heal**. **Ecumenical** movement – different denominations will come together in worship and prayer. May walk a mile barefoot from the chapel to the shrine. Sprinkled with holy water.

**Taizé:** Monastery (home for Monks) in France, founded in 1940, Ecumenical community – different denominations come together. Singing and prayer, silent worship, popular with young Christians; 100,000 people go there every year. “All one in Christ” (Jesus - Bible)

## **Worldwide Church**

The church has a mission to spread its faith to those who do not believe. Spreading the word of God is known as **evangelising**.

“Go and preach the Gospel” “Baptise all the nations” (Jesus - Bible)

**Mission:** Christians (**missionaries**) go out into the world and spread their faith.

Many Christians persecuted throughout the world because of their faith e.g. modern North Korea, Roman Empire (0-311 AD), Russia (1917-1950’s)

## **Tearfund**

Christian organisation works to end poverty and global issues e.g. climate change, conflict. Helps provide basic needs for people e.g. clean water, toilets, healthcare. Protest against poverty.

- “Love your neighbour” (Jesus – Bible)

**World Council of Churches** (founded 1948) – ecumenical movement (bring different denominations together – prayer, worship, co-operate on world issues)

- “All one in Christ” (Jesus – Bible)

## Sacraments (outward symbol of inward grace)

**Catholics** – believe in 7 sacraments: Eucharist (bread and wine), Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Penance (confession), Ordination (becoming a Priest), Anointing the sick and dying with oil.

Most **Protestants** – only accept **Baptism** and **Eucharist** (bread and wine) as sacraments

**Quakers** – no sacraments, not needed to be close to God

## Baptism

**Catholics** believe salvation is through the sacraments (i.e. you cannot get to heaven unless you are baptised)

- Jesus was **baptised** by John the Baptist (Bible)
- **Baptism:** “No one can enter the kingdom of God unless through spirit and water” (Jesus – Bible)

**Protestants** believe baptism is important because it welcomes people into the faith, brings them closer to God. Follows Jesus’ example. Salvation is through prayer / worship.

## Eucharist:

**Catholics** believe bread and wine *literally* become body and blood of Jesus

Most **Protestants** believe it is a *symbol* of Jesus’ body and blood

- Jesus performed **Eucharist** (Last supper – Bible)
- “This is my body and my blood” (Bible)

# Christian Practises

## **Christianity in Britain today**

Census **2001** – 71% Christian, **2011** – 63% Christian

Still follow Christian calendar e.g. Easter Christmas

holidays, etc. swear on Bible in court, laws still must be passed by bishops in the House of Lords, laws reflect 10 commandments.

However, 30% of population have no religion. 7% Sikh, Hindu, Muslim. Church attendance falling.

## **Role of Church in local Community**

Food banks, shelter for homeless, youth clubs, coffee mornings, play groups, fitness classes, etc.

## Celebrations

**Christmas** celebrates birth of Jesus – “He was born to the Virgin Mary, to save his people from their sins” (Bible)

Influences: Advent calendar, Christingle Church service (orange and candles), Nativity plays, presents and cards.

**Easter** – commemorates (remembers) death and resurrection of Jesus – “Jesus was Crucified and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day rose again” (Bible)

Influences: **Palm Sunday** (make crosses made of palm leaves), **Maundy Thursday** (Eucharist – remember last supper), **Good Friday** (remembers crucifixion – hymns and prayers), **Easter Sunday** (celebrates resurrection – Church services, Easter eggs: represent new life)

## **Fresh Expressions**

Church of England - different ways to encourage people to come to Church through café Churches, gym Churches, beach services.



Omnipotent	All-powerful
Omnibenevolent	All-loving
Trinity	Three persons of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Incarnation	God coming to earth in human form (Jesus)
Atonement	The <u>reconciliation</u> of God and humans through Jesus' crucifixion
Resurrection	Rising from the dead

## Nature of God

Christians believe God is **Omnipotent**

- "Moses stretched out his hand over the Red Sea; and God parted it"
- "God created the heavens and the earth" (Bible)

Christians believe God is **Omnibenevolent**

- "You, Lord are a compassionate and gracious God" (Bible)
- "God so loved the world that he gave his only son" (Bible)

Some people question whether God is **Omnipotent** and **Omnibenevolent** because of suffering in the world (Epicurus - philosopher)

- Story of Job (Bible) – God allows suffering to happen, it is too complex for us to understand



## Salvation (saved from sin)

Christians believe sin stops humans having a relationship with God. Jesus death on the cross atones for sin so the relationship is reconciled.

**Catholics** believe in salvation through the **sacraments**.

**Protestants** believe in salvation through **faith** and **repentance**.

## Jesus

Believe Jesus is God in **human form**

- "(Jesus said) I and the Father are one" (Bible)
- "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the word was God, then the Word became flesh" (Bible)

People must **believe** in Jesus to have a relationship with God

- "(Jesus said) No one comes to the Father except through me" (Bible)

Jesus was **crucified**

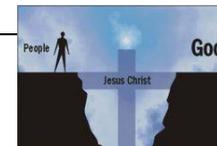
- Atonement - "He was pierced for our transgressions (sins)" (Bible)
- Jesus suffered - "My God, why have you forsaken (forgotten) me" (Bible)

Jesus was **resurrected**

- "He is not here, he has risen!" (Bible)
- "If the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile (pointless)" (Bible)

Jesus **ascended** to heaven

- "He left them (the disciples) and was taken up to heaven" (Bible)



Jesus performed **miracles**:  
 "He healed a blind man" (Bible)  
 "He raised Lazarus from the Dead" (Bible)

## Creation

### Non-literalist / Liberal

Bible is a **metaphor** (not literally true)

- John Polkinghorne "The key message of the Bible is that God created the world. Genesis is not there to give us technical answers as to how he did it."

### Literalist / Creationist / Fundamentalist

The Bible is **literally** true (everything happened exactly as it says in the Bible)

- Philip Goss "God placed fossils in the ground to test our faith."

*Christians believe that Jesus was God and was with God at the creation of the world*

- "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the word was God, then the Word became flesh" (Bible)

Some Christians think the Bible is the only source of **law**; other Christians think you should also follow your **conscience**.

## Creation – Genesis 1

Day 1 – light / day and night

Day 2 – sea, sky

Day 3 – land, plants, trees

Day 4 – stars, sun and moon

Day 5 – fish, birds

Day 6 – land animals, insect and humans

Day 7 – God rested

## Grace and the Holy Spirit

Christians believe that God sends the **Holy Spirit** to bring **Grace** and help them live a good life.

**Evangelical** Christians believe that the Holy Spirit can **heal** people and make them speak in **tongues**.

- "All of them (the disciples) were filled with the Holy Spirit" (Bible)

## Eschatological beliefs (afterlife)

Christians believe they will be **resurrected** on the day of judgement.

- "If the dead are not raised, Jesus has not been raised, your faith is useless" (Bible)

All people sent to **heaven/hell**

- Parable of sheep and goats / Parable of rich man and Lazarus (Bible)
- "My house has many rooms" (Bible)

**Traditional** Christians believe Hell/Heaven are physical places (fire, clouds, etc.)

**Contemporary** Christians believe Heaven is a place where God is, Hell is a place without God