

Religious Studies

Christian Beliefs & Practices

The nature of God	God's nature – omnipotent, omniscient & omnibenevolent. The trinity. <i>"The word became flesh" & "Nothing is impossible with God"</i> .	
Creation	God created the world in 6 days/6 periods of time or the Big Bang theory. Dominion & stewardship. Original sin. <i>"In the beginning, God created the heavens & the earth"& "Made in the image of God"</i> .	
Incarnation, crucifixion & ascension	God in human form. Jesus was crucified, he was resurrected and the ascended into heaven. <i>"The word became flesh", "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" & "Surely this man was the son of God"</i> .	
Heaven, hell & purgatory	Christians believe they will be rewarded in heaven by following the teachings of the Bible. Hell is reserved for non-believers or sinners. Purgatory is a Catholic belief – a state between heaven & hell. <i>"No one comes to the father except through me"</i>	
Sin & salvation	The original sin broke the relationship between God & humans. In order for the relationship to be restored, God sent Jesus to earth to die for human sin. <i>"Father forgive them"</i>	
Worship	Liturgical, non-liturgical, informal & private worship. <i>"Where two or three come together in my name I am with them"</i> .	
Prayer	Set prayers, informal prayers & non-conformists. <i>"Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name"</i>	
Baptism	Baptism is a sacrament. Believer's baptism & infant baptism. <i>"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them"</i>	
Holy Communion/ The Eucharist	Protestant belief = bread & wine <u>is a symbol</u> of Jesus' body & blood. Catholic belief = <u>transubstantiation</u> – the bread & wine transform to be the body & blood of Jesus. <i>"This is my body & blood"</i>	

Pilgrimage	Lourdes, Iona, Jerusalem. Why is pilgrimage important?	
Festivals	Christmas (the incarnation) & Easter (the most important festival). <i>“The word became flesh” & “Father forgive them”</i>	
Food banks	The Trussell Trust & the Oasis Project. <i>“Love thy neighbour”. The Sheep & the Goats.</i>	
Street pastors & Parish Nursing	Street pastors help drunk people. Parish Nursing work in the local community with the elderly. <i>“Love thy neighbour”.</i>	
Mission & Evangelism	Christians should fulfil <i>The Great Commission</i> spreading the Bible’s message to the world. The Alpha course & surf church. <i>“Make disciples of all nations”.</i>	
Church growth	Christians should try to grow the church through evangelism & discipleship – disciples are people who spread the faith. <i>“Make disciples of all nations”.</i>	
Worldwide church	Reconciliation & persecution. Coventry Cathedral. <i>“Love thy neighbour”</i>	
Persecution	Christians help those who are persecuted – pray, donate money, volunteer for a charity. Pastor Baber George, The Barnabus Fund & Christian Solidarity World Wide. <i>“Blessed are those who are persecuted, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”</i>	
Poverty & Wealth	Christians should not be greedy, they should help the poor. Prayer, volunteering, money. CAFOD, Christian Aid, Tearfund. <i>“Love thy neighbour”</i>	