

CHRISTIANITY Practices Revision 2023



THE SACRAMENTS

What is a sacrament?

What are the seven sacraments in Christianity?

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

Which sacrament does this relate to? Which important symbols are associated with this sacrament?

What is the difference between an infant and a believer's baptism? Explain how the ceremonies are similar/different.

PRAYER

What is prayer?

Why do Christians pray?

"Our father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."

What is this prayer called? Why is it so significant for Christians?

WORSHIP

What is worship? Why do Christians worship?

Explain the following types of worship:

Liturgical Worship-

Non-liturgical Worship-

Public Worship-

Private Worship-

HOLY COMMUNION (Eucharist)

What is Holy Communion?

How is Holy Communion practiced by different denominations?

Orthodox-

Catholic-

Anglican-

Non-conformist-

PILGRIMAGE

What is a pilgrimage?

Why do Christians go on pilgrimages?

Lourdes

- Lourdes is in South- West France.
- It is a site dedicated to Mary the mother of Jesus.
- In 1858 a young girl called Bernadette has a vision of Mary in a grotto (cave) near the river. Bernadette spoke of praying with Mary who looked lovingly upon her.
- Mary told Bernadette to dig a spring for water which was discovered to have healing properties.
- Thousands of pilgrims visit Lourdes to pray at the grotto where Mary appeared and to bathe in the water where it is claimed that 67 miracles have taken place.

Iona

- Iona is an island off the west coast of Scotland.
- In the 6th century AD St Columba established a small monastic community there. It is now the home of the ecumenical Iona community and a place of pilgrimage dedicated to the Virgin Mary.
- Some people think Iona is a 'thin place' where the veil between the spiritual world and physical world is thin.
- Iona is a remote place and many pilgrims feel like it is a place where God reveals his infinite power and presence.
- Pilgrims attend daily services at the Church. There is a time for silent reflection, reading the Bible or enjoying the area's natural beauty.

FESTIVALS

Why do festivals play an important role in Christianity?

Christmas- What happens? Why?

Easter- What happens? Why?

Key Quotes:

Christmas

"And the word became flesh"

"Father, you make this holy night radiant with the splendour of Jesus Christ our light. We welcome him as Lord, the true light of the world. Bring us to eternal joy in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever"- opening prayer of Catholic midnight mass

Easter

"For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son"

"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life"- Traditional hymn sung by Orthodox Christians

How is Christmas celebrated by different denominations?

How is Easter celebrated by different denominations?

ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" James 2:17

What does this tell you about why the Church might get involved in the local community?

How and why are Christians involved in food banks?

Why might a Christian become a street pastor? What do street pastors do?

CHURCH GROWTH- Mission and Evangelism in the UK

What is meant by the terms 'mission' and 'evangelism'?

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" Matthew 28:19-20

Why might this quote encourage Christians to become an evangelist?

What do the Church Army and the Ichthus Fellowship do?

'Fresh Expressions of the Church'

The Church of England came up with this term, which is also used by the Methodist Church. It describes new churches that are different in approach from the churches that planted them because they are intended for a different group of people from those already attending the original church. For instance, there is a church for surfers and another for young people in a skate park. These churches are intended for those who have never been to church and to attract new 'disciples for Christ'.

Explain why it might be important for Christianity to have 'fresh expressions':

What is the difference between a convert and a disciple?

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH- Reconciliation

What is meant by reconciliation?

How and why do Christians work for reconciliation?

How does the cross of nails community in Coventry work for reconciliation?

“For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life” Romans 5:10

What does this teaching tell Christians about the importance of reconciliation?

Corrymeela

This is both a centre and a movement. The movement began in Belfast in the 1960s. The movement wanted to establish an open village where people could learn to live together. It’s work continued through the troubles (the conflict in Northern Ireland) and continues still.

The centre runs various programmes:

- Working with families needing help to work through difficult times
- Helping and supporting young people
- Working with schools to encourage active citizenship
- Working with students in Israel and Palestine

Every day starts with prayer in a space of worship called the ‘Croi’.

PERSECUTION

What evidence do we have that the early Christian community was persecuted?

How do Christians respond to persecution?

Jesus said "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven" Matthew 5: 10-12

What does this teaching tell Christians about how they should view persecution?

How does the 'Open Doors' organisation support Christians facing persecution?

POVERTY

LEDCS (less economically developed countries) are the poorest countries of the world. Religious voluntary aid agencies such as CAFOD, Christian Aid and Tearfund help people in LEDCS because of the extreme poverty in which so many people live.

Christianity has a very long history of trying to help those in need and it is a core part of following Jesus' example.

Aid given abroad is made possible by work done in the UK. There are three main ways in which CAFOD, Christian Aid and Tearfund work:

- Campaigning
- Increasing public awareness
- Fundraising

All three charities encourage their supporters to support the Fairtrade movement.

Who are CAFOD and what do they do?

Who are Christian Aid and what do they do?

Who are Tearfund and what do they do?

REVISION CHECKLIST

Tick once your revision has been completed:	
Explain the meaning and importance of worship for Christians	
Explain the differences between liturgical, non-liturgical and private worship	
Explain the nature and use of prayer, including the Lord's Prayer	
Explain the meaning and role of sacraments for some Christians	
Explain the different forms of baptism including infant and believers baptism	
Explain the sacrament of Holy Communion, it's important for Christians and how it is celebrated in different Christian Churches	
Explain the role and importance of pilgrimage, including contrasting examples of Lourdes and Iona	
Explain the role and importance of Christian festivals and how and why Christmas and Easter are celebrated	
Explain how and why the Church helps local communities, including food banks and street pastors	
Explain the role and importance of mission and evangelism in the Church	
Explain the importance of the worldwide Church, including its role in working for reconciliation	
Explain how Christian Churches respond to persecution	
Explain how and why the Church responds to world poverty, including the work of one Christian charity: CAFOD, Christian Aid, Tearfund	

EXAM PRACTICE

1. Which of the following is the name given to adult baptism?
A) Infant baptism B) Eucharist C) Holy Communion D) Believer's baptism **1 mark**
2. Give two examples of important places of Christian pilgrimage. **2 marks**
3. Explain two contrasting ways in which Christian worship. **4 marks**
4. Explain two ways that Christian charities help the poor in less economically developed countries. **5 marks**

5. "The most important duty of the Church is to help people in need"

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- Refer to Christian teaching
- Give developed arguments to support this statement
- Give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- Reach a justified conclusion

(12 marks plus 5 SPaG)

Rreason to disagree, **E**xplanation, example x 3

My conclusion (Overall after considering the arguments, what do you think about the statement?)

Have a go at using this formula to answer the following:

1. 'No child should be baptised'
2. 'It is more important to help the poor than to worship in church'
3. 'Pilgrimages are a waste of money'