Eduqas Religious Studies – Christian Practices



Key Concepts							
Omnipotent	The all-powerful, almighty and unlimited	Atonement	The belief that Jesus' death on the cross				
	nature of God		healed the rift between humans and God				
Omnibenevolent	The state of being all-loving and infinitely	Resurrection	The belief that Jesus rose from the dead on				
	good – a characteristic often attributed to		Easter Sunday, conquering death				
	God						
Trinity	The three persons of God; The Father, Son,	Sacraments	An outward sign of an inward blessing by				
	Holy Spirit		God e.g. Baptism, the Eucharist				
Incarnation	God becoming human in the form of flesh	Evangelism	Preaching the gospel to others with the				
			intention of converting them to the				
			Christian faith				

	Key Ideas		
Worship + Prayer	Liturgical Worship This form of worship takes place in a church and is led by a priest Formal, set prayers are read out A more traditional, and formal form of worship Informal Worship Can takes place in a church or anywhere Christians gather No set prayers, instead people take turns to preach and read from the Bible Can be modern and appealing to young people Individual Worship Takes place in addition to church worship. Forms a personal relationship with God	Prayer Prayer means communicating with God, either silently or out loud, sometimes through song It is one of the most important parts of the spiritual life of a Christian and enables them to hav a personal relationship with God Adoration: love and respect for God Confessional: statement of faith Contemplation: meditation Penitential: saying sorry Praise: giving praise (often hymns) Thanksgiving: saying thank you Supplication: asking for something	
Sacraments Eucharist + Baptism	Eucharist - Eucharist and baptism are both sacraments meaning special occasions in a Christian's life - In Eucharist a priest consecrates (blesses) bread and wine and the congregation then receives these - Catholics believe the Holy Spirit transforms the bread and wine into Jesus' body and blood	Infant Baptism - This is a formal service welcoming a new child interest the Christian church - Holy water is sprinkled over the baby's head - All Catholics baptise their children close to birth it order to ensure they go to heaven	
	- Anglicans believe the bread and wine are symbolic - Christians take part in this ritual in order to remember the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for them by being crucified on the cross "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" – 1 Corinthians 11:26	Believer's Baptism - A believer's baptism welcomes someone into the church who is old enough to decide themselves - They are submerged in a pool of holy water - They make promises to stay away from evil - Baptists only practice this type of baptism	
Pilgrimage + Festivals	Pilgrimage - A pilgrimage is a journey made by a Christian to a holy site - A pilgrimage can represent a Christian's journey to God	Christmas - Christmas celebrates the incarnation (birth) of Jesus Christ - Christians give gifts to commemorate the gift of God sending his own son to the world	
秦	Walsingham, Norfolk – Virgin Mary appeared in a dream asking for a replica to be built of the house in Nazareth where the birth of Jesus took place Taizé, France – an important ecumencial monastic order	Easter - Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ - Christians celebrate by saying "he is risen" and by eating chocolate eggs that represent new life	
Evangelism + Church in the Community	Christians have a duty to evangelise (tell others of the word of God). An example is the Alpha Course which is an educational course that tells people more about the life of Jesus.	Christians also have a duty to help others in the local community. Two examples of this are Street Pastors who help drunk people at night and Food Banks that provide food to people in poverty.	
Reconciliation	- Christians across the world play an important role in after a conflict or falling out)	reconciliation (seeking to restore friendly relations	

- An example is **Coventry Cathedral** which was bombed during World War II but now seeks to create peace and reconciliation elsewhere in the world. **The World Council of Churches** also works to help after conflict. - In some places Christians face **persecution** where they are treated badly for their faith. Churches around

the world work together to try and overcome this.