**Knowledge Organiser: AQA Religious Studies A – Christian Practices**

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| **Key Words** |
| Believer’s Baptism | Service where those old enough to decide for themselves are welcomed into the church. | Liturgical Worship | Formal worship with set prayers, hymns and Bible readings. |
| Christmas | Christian festival which celebrates the incarnation (birth) of Christ. | Mission | The calling to spread the word of God and evangelise. |
| Consecration | When a priest blesses bread and wine in order to use it for Eucharist. | Non-liturgical worship | Worship with no set pattern, may have modern music and sermons. |
| Easter | Christian festival which celebrates the resurrection of Christ. | Persecution | Hostility and ill-treatment of a group of people. |
| Eucharist | Service where bread and wine is received by Christians to remember Jesus’ sacrifice. | Pilgrimage | Going on a journey to visit a holy site. |
| Evangelism | Spreading the word of God through action or speech. | Prayer | A communication with God, can be private or during worship. |
| Infant Baptism | Service where babies are welcomed into the church with holy water. | Reconciliation | Restoring friendly relations after a conflict or falling out. |

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| **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 service.**- E.g. Roman Catholics, Anglicans practice this. | **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 have a personal relationship with God.- **Intercessions** are prayers made on behalf of others- **Thanksgiving** is when people pray to say thank you to God. - **Set prayers** are written down and used in liturgical worship.- **Informal prayer** is off-the-cuff and often used in non-liturgical worship. |
| **Non-liturgical Worship**- Also takes place in a church but **less formal.**- No set prayers, instead people take turns to preach and read from the **Bible.**- Can be modern and appealing to young people. |
| **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.- **Anglicans** believe the bread and wine are symbolic- Christians take part in this ritual to remember the **sacrifice** Jesus Christ made for them by being **crucified** on the cross. | **Infant Baptism**- This is a **formal** service welcoming a new child into the Christian church.- **Holy water** is sprinkled over the baby’s head.- All Catholics baptise their children close to birth to ensure they go to heaven. |
| **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 allows Christians to feel closer to God; gain forgiveness and help other pilgrims who are disabled or ill.- Catholics go on pilgrimage to **Lourdes** where a vision of Mary was once seen, they believe the water there has healing effects.-Christians can visit the **Holy land**. This is to visit places that Jesus did (at his birth and death). | **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. |
| **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** | **Evangelism**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.  | **Church in the community**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 **reconciliation** (seeking to restore friendly relations after a conflict or falling out).- 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. |
| **Key Quotes and Stories** |
| **Prayer** | **Formal Prayer*** Jesus’ disciples asked Jesus to tach them how to pray. He responded with the Lord’s prayer.

“Our Father in Heaven…” – Lord’s Prayer**Informal Prayer*** “Bless us O Lord for these gifts which we are about to receive…” (Catholic Grace before eating).
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| **Eucharist + Baptism** | **Eucharist*** *“For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes”* – Bible
 | **Baptism*** “Therefore go, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them…” - Bible.
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| **Pilgrimage + Festivals** | **Pilgrimage*** Bernadette was believed to have seen the Virgin Mary in a grotto in Lourdes. Mary asked Bernadette to dig for water which had healing properties.
 | **Easter**- Christians celebrate by saying “*he is risen*” |
| **Evangelism + Church in the Community** | **Evangelism*** “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit…” – Bible
 | **Church in the community*** “Faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead.” – Bible
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| **Reconciliation** | **Reconciliation*** “If you want peace, don’t talk to your friends, talk to your enemies.” – Archbishop Desmond Tutu
* “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” - Bible

**Persecution*** “Overcome evil with good.”- Bible
* “If one pat suffers, all parts suffer.” – Bible
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