



CHRISTIAN PRACTICES



Private Worship

Done individually,
anywhere.

Worship

The show value or worth towards something or
someone.

Liturgical Worship

Involves a set format for
worship.



- Bible readings, hymns, prayers follow set structure.
- Quite traditional.
- Services planned in advance.

Charismatic Worship

Pentecostal Churches placing
authority on the Holy Spirit
to lead them.



- Inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Very spontaneous.
- Less structure

Communal Worship

Done as a group
in either a formal
or informal setting

Non-Liturgical Worship

There is no set structure to
worship. Worship may be more
spontaneous.



- Services can be led by a priest or members of the congregation.
- Allows people to be more involved.
- Less structure / more flexible.

Informal Worship

More relaxed worship. May not
take place in a church.



- Less/no structure
- Spontaneous
- Can worship God in different ways.
- Not always led by a priest/vicar

Jesus Prayer

Repeated over & over
repeating Jesus' name.

Extempore Prayer

Impromptu prayer
no planning

Adoration - praising God

Confession - admit sins

Thanksgiving - giving thanks to God

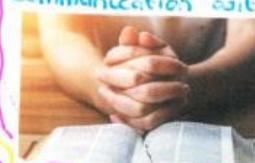
Supplication - asking for God's help

Arrows Prayer

Quick prayers sent straight up to God.

Prayer

Communication with God



Rosaries

Used to count
prayers.



Thank You's

Ask for luck

Ask for
forgiveness



Why do people pray?

For someone to get better

Advice/
Guidance

Asking for help



Infant Baptism

A ceremony that welcomes a child to the Christian community and the parents able to thank God for their baby.

- Water - to wash away Original Sin.
- "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
- Cross on forehead - to remain faithful to Jesus.
- Promises made to bring the child up in the Christian faith.
- Candle lit - Jesus the light of the world - child receives this.



Believers Baptism

Is initiation into the Church, by full immersion into water, of people old enough to understand the ceremony.



- White clothes - new life / beginning.
- Candidates asked if they are truly sorry for sins & dedicated to living their lives through Jesus.
- Give a testimony of their faith.
- Full immersion symbolises the end of the life of sin and a new life beginning as they come out.

Sacraments

An outward sign of an inward grace. A deeper reality than the senses:

Baptism
Confirmation
Holy Communion

Reconciliation
Anointing the sick
Marriage
Ordination



Eucharist (Thanks giving)

- Lord's Supper
- Holy Communion
- The Breaking of Bread
- Mass
- The Liturgy

key features:

- Connection to the Last Supper
- Giving of thanks for the bread & wine.
- Using Jesus' words from the last supper

Transubstantiation

Roman Catholics - bread & wine actually become the body & blood of Christ.

Memorialism

Ceremony - an expression of faith. Symbolic of Jesus' body and blood.

Catholic Mass

- Bible & psalms readings
- Bread & wine at the altar.
- Jesus' words repeated.
- Lord's Prayer said.
- Sign of peace - people shaking hands.
- People receive the bread & wine as blessed by Priest.

Holy Communion in the United Reformed Church.

- Hymns & various prayers.
- Bible Readings & a sermon.
- Minister repeats the words of Jesus.
- 'Open table' for anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion.
- Ends with a prayer of thanks.



Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage is a journey made for religious reasons, alone or with others to a sacred place.

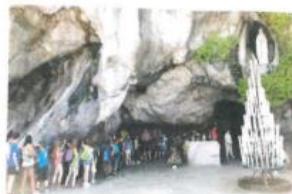
Reasons for going:

- Get closer to God and strengthen faith.
- Seek a cure for an illness.
- Gain a better understanding of their faith.

Lourdes

France

- Place where St Bernadette had visions of the Virgin Mary.
- Spring built there believed to have healing powers.
- Commercialised, very touristy, busy.



• People go to be healed.

Iona

Scotland



- Follow the path of Columba & his Christian missionaries.
- Visit different sites of historical & spiritual significance.
- Walk between heaven & hell-thin nest.
- Peaceful / Reflective.
- Physically demanding.

Celebrations

Festivals have an important role helping Christians remember the major events in their religion.

Christmas

- Midnight Mass
- Nativity plays
- Christmas dinner



- Christingle



- Exchanging of presents
- Give to charity

Remembers the birth of Jesus - the founder of Christianity.

Easter

Easter follows Holy Week (remembering the suffering of Jesus).

Reasons for its importance:

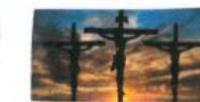
- Jesus' resurrection proved Jesus was the Son of God.
- Jesus' predictions came true - all other teachings must be.
- No need fear death - eternal life again possible.
- Message of Easter - light over darkness.



Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday



What is a church?

Defined as an assembly, or a gathering of Christian people.



Food Banks

Help to provide food for those who have financial (money) problems and cannot afford food.

The Trussell Trust - supports a network of food banks:-



- provides emergency food to people.
- provide additional support to tackle the cause of poverty.
- Build people's resilience.



Jesus's teaching's



Agape - 'love' (selfless) for everyone

Love thy neighbour - The Good Samaritan - we should help anyone in need.

Sheep & Goats - God will judge how well people have been kind & loving.



Street Pastors

Groups of men & women who patrol their local areas on Friday and Saturday nights (10pm - 4am) to care for people out.

• Give out flip flops

• Hot drinks to homeless people

• First aid where needed

• Lollipops as ice breaker



• Getting people in taxis or on buses home

LOCAL CHURCH

Mission and Evangelism

Mission literally means 'a sending' and Evangelism is the term used for spreading the word. Christians believing it is their mission to spread the word of Jesus.

Great Commission

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son & Holy Spirit". Jesus' command to his disciples.

Christians have a responsibility to tell others of their faith. (Jehovah Witness for example)

Discipleship

Christian mission involves training new converts in the way of following Jesus.

Missionary Work

Involves evangelism and humanitarian work amongst the poor.

Church Growth

The UK - declining

Alpha courses - programs to teach people about Christianity



Birmingham 2020 Church Planting - building new churches in different places

Increasing Africa



Bonnie believed God called him to evangelise Africa.

He had dreams that God said 'Africa will be served'.

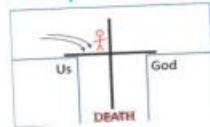
Bonnie supported by evangelist Daniel Kolenda



Reconciliation

To get over your difficulties and have your relationship restored. Main mission of the worldwide Church - to state Jesus came to restore the relationship between God & Humans.

Reconciled with God through confession (R.Catholic Church)



Reconciliation needed between humans.

Reconciliation needed within Christianity.

The Community of the Cross of Nails



Coventry Cathedral working with many people/groups to bring about peace & harmony.

Knife Angel



Hear accounts of history
Celebrate diversity
Build a culture of peace.

Persecution

Hostility (anger & bitterness) and ill-treatment especially because of race, or political or religious beliefs.

St Paul - 'everyone who wants to live a godly life in Jesus will be persecuted.'

Jesus taught people love their enemies.

If one Christian suffers everyone does - encourage support
Protest for changes to laws that persecute people.



Case Studies



WORLDWIDE CHURCH



Christian Aid

Follow the teachings of Jesus to love your neighbour.

- Believe in 'life before death'.
- Aim to provide emergency aid, short-term aid, long-term aid.



Community Health



Gender, power & inclusion



Voice & governance



From violence to peace



Humanitarian relief



"Let us love, not in word or speech but in truth and action."



All human beings made in God's image so we should all use our power for good.



The Good Samaritan

About a traveller who is robbed & beaten and left for dead. A samaritan finally passes by and helps.

Samaritans and Jews hated each other, but the Samaritan helped.

"Love thy neighbour as yourself."



The Parable of the Sheep and Goats

Jesus uses the example of how a shepherd separates his sheep from goats to teach how God will separate the good from the bad at judgement.

Sheep → Kind / Helpful
Goats → Ignorant / Hateful
Heaven ↓
Hell ↑