

Component 1 – Religious Beliefs and Practices

Christian Beliefs and Practices

Key beliefs

- The nature of God:
- Creation
- Beliefs about the afterlife
- judgement, heaven and hell.
- Jesus Christ and salvation
- the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God
- the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension
- sin, including original sin
- the means of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit
- the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement.

Practices

- Different forms of worship and their significance
- Prayer and its significance
- The role and meaning of the sacraments:
- The role and importance of pilgrimage and celebrations such as Christmas and Easter,
- The role of the church in the local and worldwide community
- The role of the Church in the local community, including food banks and street pastors.
- The place of mission, evangelism and Church growth.
- The importance of the worldwide Church
- the work of one of the following faith based NGO's

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbndy9q>

Revision World: <https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/rs-religious-studies/christianity>

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Muslim Beliefs and Practices

Key Beliefs

- The six articles of faith in Sunni Islam
- five roots of Usul ad-Din in Shi'a Islam
- Tawhid and the nature of God
- Angels
- Predestination and human freedom.
- Akhirah (life after death)
- Resurrection, heaven and hell.
- Risalah (Prophethood)
- The holy books
- The imamate in Shi'a Islam: its role and significance.

Practices

- Five Pillars of Sunni Islam
- Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam
- Shahadah: declaration of faith and its place in Muslim practice.
- Salah and its significance
- Sawm: the role and significance of fasting during the month of Ramadan

- Zakah: the role and significance of giving alms
- Khums in Shi'a Islam.
- Hajj: the role and significance of the pilgrimage to Makkah
- Jihad: different understandings of jihad
- Festivals and commemorations and their importance for Muslims in Great Britain today, including Id-ul-Adha, Id-ul-Fitr, Ashura.

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4v7gwx>

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Component 2 – Thematic Studies

Relationships and Families

- Contraception.
- Sexual relationships before marriage.
- Homosexual relationships.
- Sex, marriage and divorce
- Families and gender equality
- The nature of families
- The purpose of families
- Contemporary family issues
- The roles of men and women.
- Gender equality, prejudice and discrimination

BBC Ethics: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/contraception/>

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Religion and Life

- The origins of the universe
- The value of the world and the duty of human beings to protect it
- The use and abuse of the environment, including the use of natural resources, pollution.
- The use and abuse of animals
- The origins and value of human life
- The concepts of sanctity of life and the quality of life.
- Abortion, including situations when the mother's life is at risk.
- Ethical arguments related to abortion, including those based on the sanctity of life and quality of life.
- Euthanasia.
- Beliefs about death and an afterlife, and their impact on beliefs about the value of human life.

BBC Ethics: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/animals/>

BBC Ethics: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/abortion/>

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