



SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

Links to GCSE Syllabus

AQA- GCSE Religious Studies A

PILGRIMAGE EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME:

Component 1: The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices - Christianity

Beliefs and teachings

- *The meaning of the terms: the incarnation, the crucifixion, the resurrection and the ascension*
- *Beliefs and teachings about Jesus arising from the incarnation*
- *The importance to Christians of the incarnation, for their life and worship*

The role and importance of pilgrimage and Celebrations to Christians

- *The concept of pilgrimage*
- *The purpose of pilgrimage to Walsingham*
- *The impact of pilgrimage on individuals and for communities*
- *The origin of Christmas*
- *The impact and importance of Advent and Christmas celebrations to Christians*

ONE CHURCH, ONE FAITH PROGRAMME:

Christianity Beliefs and teachings & Practices

Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension

- *The meaning of the terms: the incarnation, the crucifixion, the resurrection and the ascension*
- *The importance to Christians of the incarnation, the crucifixion, the resurrection and the ascension for their life and worship*

Worship

- *The structure of church services, for example Anglican Communion service, Roman Catholic mass, Greek Orthodox service and Methodist Sunday morning worship*
- *The concept of worship*
- *Purposes of worship*
- *The role and importance of liturgical worship for some Christians*
- *The role and importance of individual prayer, private prayer and devotion for Christians*
- *The role and importance of private and public worship to Christian communities and individuals*

Sacraments

- *The role and meaning of the sacraments*
- *The role of Baptism and Eucharist in the life of a Christian*
- *Common and divergent attitudes towards the practice and meaning of the Eucharist by different Christian denominations*
- *Common and divergent attitudes towards the Sacraments, including which practices are considered by different Christian denominations to be a sacrament*



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EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY PROGRAMME:

Beliefs and teachings

Jesus Christ and salvation

Beliefs and teachings about:

- *the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God*
- *the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension*
- *the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God*

Practices

Worship and festivals

Different forms of worship and their significance:

- *liturgical, non-liturgical and informal, including the use of the Bible*
- *private worship.*
- *Prayer and its significance, including the Lord's Prayer, set prayers and informal prayer.*

The role and meaning of the sacraments:

- *the meaning of sacrament*
- *the sacrament of Holy Communion/Eucharist and its significance for Christians, including different ways in which it is celebrated and different interpretations of its meaning.*

The role and importance of pilgrimage and celebrations including:

- *the celebrations of Christmas and Easter, including their importance for Christians in Great Britain today.*



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PILGRIMAGE EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME:

Component 1: Catholic Christianity Incarnation

Forms of expression – symbol and incarnation

- How belief in the incarnation has influenced Catholic views about religious art and imagery.
- The meaning and significance for Catholics of one sculpture or statue of Jesus and different Christian views about sculptures, statues or images of Jesus.

Redemption – ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven

Forms of expression – architecture and design

- How the architecture, design and decoration of Catholic churches reflect Catholic beliefs and facilitate worship.
- How the lectern, altar, crucifix and tabernacle express different aspects of the mystery of redemption and facilitate worship.
- How contrasting architecture and artefacts within a church emphasise different aspects of Catholic belief both for individuals and as a community of believers including table or altar, a plain cross, crucifix or 'risen Christ'.

Church and the Kingdom of God

Forms of expression – drama and the faith journey

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