

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser

Year 6

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What is Christian expression?

Substantive Knowledge – Christians believe that there is one God, whom they call Father as Jesus Christ taught them. Through prayer, they communicate with God. The Church represent God's body on Earth. Christians express their faith through prayer, acts of charity and the word of God.

Christian Festivals

The Church has its own calendar with special names for certain times of the year:

- times associated with Jesus' life; how Christians understand and celebrate these events – Christmas and Easter
- times of reflection: Advent – preparing for Jesus' birth and Lent - Jesus' temptation
- sharing the Lord's Supper
- Pentecost



Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles



Sharing the Lord's Supper

Places of Worship

A church is central to the Christian faith, and it is where the community comes together to worship and praise God.

The church is:

- the place of worship for all Christians
- where the community gathers
- where works of charity are carried out
- a place of healing



Nave



Church

Many churches hold a service called Communion, Eucharist or Mass, in which bread and wine are shared together, just as Jesus did with his followers before his death.



Altar



Pulpit

Areas in the church include the sanctuary, the most holy area; the nave, the main area where people sit; the altar, which is used for the ritual known as the Eucharist or Holy Communion. The pulpit is where the minister gives his/her sermon, and s/he uses the lectern to read the Bible out loud during services.

Christian Expression

Prayer is how Christians communicate with God, through both talking and listening and being open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is a two-way method of communication that gives Christians comfort as they feel that God is listening and may send messages back.

Jesus spoke often about the importance of prayer, as he felt it deepened a person's relationship with God. Similarly, many Christians believe that prayer can bring them closer to God.

Christians often use formal written prayers, which are often memorised in order to be recited both publicly and privately. An example of this is the Lord's Prayer, which was the prayer that Jesus taught his followers when they asked him to pray.

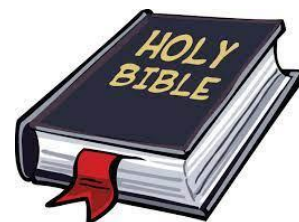
Christians also use informal prayers, which are personal and allow individuals to connect with God.



Churches often provide help and advice for those in need, and many Christians volunteer for local charities. Many Christians give Tithes, 10% of their earnings to the church.

Many churches and Christians run food banks from their church halls. Some Christians volunteer as street pastors, going out onto the streets at night to care for those in need and those who are at risk of harm.

The Bible is a central source of authority for all Christian and reveals many important teachings. Christians often turn to the Bible to seek guidance and understand the history of their faith.



Portable Knowledge – What we need to remember

Christian expression includes:

- Praying to God
- Giving offerings and tithes (charity)
- Reading and studying the bible (word of God)



Core Vocabulary

Festival – a special occasion of feasting and celebration (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Diwali, Passover and Holi)

Belief – something that is accepted, considered to be true, or held as an opinion

Tithes – one tenth of produce or earnings taken as tax to support the church