

Christianity – Pilgrimage and Celebrations

Pilgrimage and Celebrations:

- Walsingham
- Easter
- Taize
- Protestant
- Christmas

Key Terms:

Pilgrim	The name given to a person who undertakes a pilgrimage	Miracle	An unexplained event in some way connected to the power of God
Relic	An object which is revered by religious believers	Worship	To give 'worth' to God and the ways in which Christians show devotion to God
Sacred	Connected In some way to God	Bible	A sacred source of authority for Christians
Monastic community	Monks who have taken vows of chastity, poverty and obedience	A church	A building where Christians gather in community to worship God

Exam Practice:

- Explain why pilgrimage to Taize is important to Christians. (8)
- Create a mind map for the topic 'Christmas – Beliefs and Practices' describing how Christians celebrate Christmas and explaining the most important beliefs about the birth of Jesus.

Key Sources of Authority:

- The gospel accounts of the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Key Beliefs:

Pilgrimage	Pilgrimage is a journey taken with a religious purpose and often to a sacred place or shrine associated with an event or holy person . It may involve the practice of devotions or special actions during the journey and is often carried out in a communal way with other pilgrims.
Celebrations	Celebrations are festivals which commemorate an important event in Christianity and allow Christians to focus their worship , often with special practices and church services . Christmas and Easter are the two most important annual festivals in the Christian calendar .
Walsingham	Walsingham is a place of pilgrimage for Anglicans and Catholics who visit the shrine of ' Our Lady of Walsingham ' in Norfolk.
Taize	Taize is the name of a monastic community in the village of Taize in France. It is a place of pilgrimage for thousands of people each year, particularly young people, who participate in the daily life of prayer with the religious community in the Church of the Reconciliation.
Christmas	Christmas, which means ' Christ's Mass ', is an annual celebration to remember the events of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem .
Easter	Easter is the most important Christian celebration as it remembers the events in the last week of the life of Jesus. The main focus of the celebration is on the miraculous resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday .

Key Connections:

Prayer Worship Incarnation Atonement Resurrection