

## Christianity

22 indicative hours

The focus of this study is Christianity, one of the major religious traditions, as a living religious system.

### Outcomes

A student:

- P3** investigates religious traditions and belief systems
- P4** examines significant aspects of religious traditions
- P5** describes the influence of religious traditions in the life of adherents
- P6** selects and uses relevant information about religion from a variety of sources
- P7** undertakes effective research about religion, making appropriate use of time and resources
- P8** uses appropriate terminology related to religion and belief systems
- P9** effectively communicates information, ideas and issues using appropriate written, oral and graphic forms.

### Content

Students learn about:	Students learn to:
<p><b>Origins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the historical and cultural context in which Christianity began</li> <li>• Jesus Christ</li> <li>• the development of early Christian communities</li> <li>• Christianity:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Anglicanism</li> <li>– Catholicism</li> <li>– Orthodoxy</li> <li>– Pentecostalism</li> <li>– Protestantism</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• outline the historical and cultural context in which Christianity began</li> <li>• examine the principal events of Jesus' life</li> <li>• explain why Jesus is the model for Christian life</li> <li>• describe the early development of Christian communities after the death of Jesus</li> <li>• outline the unique features of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Anglicanism</li> <li>– Catholicism</li> <li>– Orthodoxy</li> <li>– Pentecostalism</li> <li>– Protestantism</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Principal Beliefs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ</li> <li>• the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ</li> <li>• the nature of God and the Trinity</li> <li>• Revelation</li> <li>• Salvation</li> </ul> <p><b>Sacred Texts and Writings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible</li> </ul> <p><b>Core Ethical Teachings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Ten Commandments</li> <li>• New Testament ethics             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the Beatitudes</li> <li>– Jesus' commandment of love</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Personal Devotion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• outline the principal beliefs regarding the divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ</li> <li>• explain the importance of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for Christians</li> <li>• outline the beliefs about the nature of God and of the Trinity</li> <li>• examine the Christian understanding of revelation</li> <li>• describe the Christian understanding of salvation</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify the importance of the Bible in Christianity</li> <li>• examine extracts from the Bible which demonstrate the principal beliefs of Christianity</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• outline the principal ethical teachings in:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the Ten Commandments</li> <li>– the Beatitudes</li> <li>– Jesus' commandment of love</li> </ul> </li> <li>• describe the importance of ethical teachings in the life of adherents</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• describe the different types of personal prayer</li> </ul>
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