GCSE Religious Studies: Christianity

Prayer & Worship ✓					
Holy Communion	The main service in most churches is the Holy Communion. However, it known by different names in the different denominations, and the symbolism is slightly different. Some churches do not celebrate Holy Communion at all. Passages from the <u>Bible</u> are read during all services, usually one from to Old Testament, one from the Gospels, plus another New Testament reading. The minister frequently uses the Bible readings for the basis his/her sermon (preaching). They try to put the ideas, values and teachings from Biblical times into a modern social setting. They make the Bible meaningful for modern living.				
Sacramental Worship Non-Sacramental	Worship includes the sacrament of Holy Communion. Worship does not include the sacrament of Holy Communion.				
Worship Transubstantiation	The Roman Catholic and Orthodox belief that when the bread and wine are blessed (consecrated) they <u>become</u> the body and blood of Christ. In contrast, Protestant Christians believe that the bread and wine are <u>symbolic</u> representations of the body and blood of Christ.				
Roman Catholic	Place of Worship: Church. Structured liturgical worship. Holy Communion is called Mass and is the most important part of a service. The altar is the focal feature of the building. They believe in transubstantiation.				
Orthodox	Place of Worship: Church. Structured liturgical worship. Holy Communion is called Divine Liturgy and is the most important part of a service. The iconostasis (icon screen) and altar are the focal features of the building. They believe in transubstantiation.				
Anglican	Place of Worship: Church. Structured liturgical worship. Holy Communion is called Eucharist and is the most important part of a service. The altar is the focal feature of the building.				
Methodist	Place of Worship: Church. Holy Communion is called the Lord's Supper or Breaking of Bread. Preaching the Gospels is the most important part of a service, so the pulpit is the focal feature of the building.				
Quaker	Place of Worship: Meeting House. Non-liturgical worship. Worshippers sit in silence, around a central table which has a Bible & a vase of flowers. Anyone can speak and offer a prayer during a Quaker Silence, when they feel moved by God to do so. Worship is non-sacramental.				
Salvation Army	Place of Worship: Citadel. Worship features prayers, Bible readings and singing hymns accompanied by a Salvation Army brass band. Worship is non-sacramental. Worship is non-sacramental.				
The Charismatic Movement	The Pentecostal Church is the main denomination of the Charismatic Movement, although many individual Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches have been affected by charismatic worship. Charismatic worship focuses on giving thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for the gifts given to the disciples at Pentecost - the ability to preach, teach, heal, prophecy and speak in tongues. Charismatic worship involves singing, dancing, clapping hands and raising the arms towards heaven. Charismatic Christians believe that members of their own community are blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit today - they believe that it helps them to spread love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (the gifts of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22).				