

## YEAR 3 CHRISTIANITY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

### KEY VOCABULARY AND SPELLINGS

**Bible** – the holy book for Christians.

**Christians** – someone who follows Christianity.

**Old Testament** – the first part of the Christian bible made up of 39 books.

**New Testament** – the second part of the Christian bible recording the life and teachings of Christ.

**Christ** – the name and title given to Jesus.

**Jesus** – the son of God

**The Holy Trinity** – the three persons of the Christian Godhead: the father, the son and the Holy Spirit.

**10 commandments** – set of principles relating to worship and ethics.

**Worship** – adoration of a deity or God.

**Disciple** – a follower of Jesus.

**Crucifix** – the cross usually with a figure of Christ on it.

**Resurrection** – when Jesus Christ returns to life after being crucified.

**Crucifixion** – when Jesus was executed on a cross.

**WORSHIP** - Most Christians will go to church on a Sunday to worship. In church songs are sung called hymns. The special talk given by the Vicar or Priest is called a sermon, it reminds Christians how to behave and help others.

The main symbol for Christians is the cross.



### CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS

Denominations is a subgroup within a religion. Some Christian denominations include:

- Catholicism
- Jehovah's Witness
- Protestantism
- Eastern Orthodox Church
- Methodists

**BELIEFS** - Christians believe that there is 1 God who is revealed in 3 different forms (the Holy Trinity) – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. They follow Jesus' teachings that they should love God and their neighbour. They believe that God sent Jesus to save humanity from their sins (the bad things they had done).

### SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

**LENT** – Lent is a period of 6 weeks leading up to Easter. Lent begins in February and finishes in April, the start is known as Ash Wednesday and the day before is known as Shrove Tuesday. Christians celebrate lent to remember when Jesus went into the desert as a test of self-discipline. People normally give up something during lent.

**EASTER** – this celebrates Jesus rising from the dead after he was crucified. Christians celebrate Maundy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter day) to remember when Jesus ate the last supper with his disciples. Good Friday commemorates the execution of Jesus and Easter Sunday marks his resurrection.



**CHRISTMAS** – Christians believe this holy day marks the birth of Jesus, who is believed to be the son of God. Christmas is celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> December. A lady called Mary was visited by an angel and told she would have a baby. Mary and Joseph (who she was engaged to) travelled to Bethlehem and had the baby in a stable.

