





## The Anglican Church Year

Anglican churches follow a liturgical calendar. This is a pattern for their worship (liturgy) through the year. As a church school, this provides an ideal opportunity to mirror what is happening in your parish/local church. It also provides a colourful and visual way to mark the festivals throughout the year.

Most churches will use different coloured vestments (priest's clothing) and altar cloths as signs of the season of the church year. In school this can be mirrored through simply changing the colour of cloth on the worship table, or theme a whole display using the relevant colours. Soon you will find that the children recognise the colours and their meaning, that when they enter the worship space they will notice the colours have changed and begin to make links between the seasons and the festivals throughout the year.

## The Meaning of the Colours (dates are coloured on the attached calendar)

<b>Green</b>	Used during 'Ordinary time' between the main festivals and seasons. This covers most of the year and can represent growth.
<b>Red</b>	Used to either mark Saints days where it represents their death as a martyr, or to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit (for Pentecost/Whitsun).
<b>White</b>	Represents being pure, in celebrations such as baptisms, weddings, and some funerals. Also used for celebrations either on its own or with gold. It also is used for saints who didn't die as martyrs.
<b>Gold</b>	Key celebrations, for example Christmas Day and Easter Sunday,
<b>Purple</b>	Used for times of preparation and waiting, the reflective seasons. Key times are Advent and Lent.

## The Liturgical Calendar

The attached calendar is designed for the school year 2020-21. The church year starts at the beginning of Advent, and ends with the following Advent, completing a circle as shown on the front page. The colours used in worship are shown on the relevant days, any uncoloured dates are 'white' days. There are **twelve principal feast and holy days** in the church year, these are indicated in bold on the calendar. The main saints' days are also shown, but you do not need to mark all of them. If you use the main colour for the week, you can then pick out the key festivals for your school, especially those that mark a key part in Jesus' life or a transition in the year. You could also celebrate the patron saint's day for your school and/or church. Key festivals such as Christmas and Easter, fall in the holidays, meaning the children don't get to see the gold cloth for celebrations. A good way to mark these festivals would be to change the colour of the cloths as part of your end of term worship for Christmas and Easter. \*\*On Maundy Thursday churches will often be stripped bare of any colour furnishings and decorations, reminding us that Jesus was left alone to face the bare wooden cross. You can download daily prayers and reading apps from <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps> to support your worship planning.

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# Church School Year Calendar 2020-21



September 2020		October 2020		November 2020		December 2020		January 2021		February 2021	
1 Tu		1 Th		1 Su	<b>All Saints' Day</b>	1 Tu		1 Fr	Naming of Christ	1 Mo	
2 We		2 Fr		2 Mo	All Souls' day	2 We		2 Sa		2 Tu	<b>Candlemas**</b>
3 Th		3 Sa		3 Tu		3 Th		3 Su		3 We	
4 Fr		4 Su		4 We		4 Fr		4 Mo		4 Th	
5 Sa		5 Mo		5 Th		5 Sa		5 Tu		5 Fr	
6 Su		6 Tu		6 Fr		6 Su	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent	6 We	<b>The Epiphany</b>	6 Sa	
7 Mo		7 We		7 Sa		7 Mo		7 Th		7 Su	
8 Tu		8 Th		8 Su	Remembrance Sunday	8 Tu		8 Fr		8 Mo	
9 We		9 Fr		9 Mo		9 We		9 Sa		9 Tu	
10 Th		10 Sa		10 Tu		10 Th		10 Su	Baptism of Jesus	10 We	
11 Fr		11 Su		11 We	Remembrance Day	11 Fr		11 Mo		11 Th	
12 Sa		12 Mo		12 Th		12 Sa		12 Tu		12 Fr	
13 Su		13 Tu		13 Fr		13 Su	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent	13 We		13 Sa	
14 Mo	Holy Cross Day	14 We		14 Sa		14 Mo		14 Th		14 Su	
15 Tu		15 Th		15 Su		15 Tu		15 Fr		15 Mo	
16 We		16 Fr		16 Mo		16 We		16 Sa		16 Tu	Shrove Tuesday
17 Th		17 Sa		17 Tu		17 Th		17 Su		17 We	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
18 Fr		18 Su	St Luke the Evangelist	18 We		18 Fr		18 Mo		18 Th	
19 Sa		19 Mo		19 Th		19 Sa		19 Tu		19 Fr	
20 Su		20 Tu		20 Fr		20 Su	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent	20 We		20 Sa	
21 Mo	St Matthew	21 We		21 Sa		21 Mo		21 Th		21 Su	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
22 Tu		22 Th		22 Su	Christ the King	22 Tu		22 Fr		22 Mo	
23 We		23 Fr		23 Mo		23 We		23 Sa		23 Tu	
24 Th		24 Sa		24 Tu		24 Th	Christmas Eve	24 Su		24 We	
25 Fr		25 Su		25 We		25 Fr	<b>Christmas Day</b>	25 Mo	Conversion of St Paul	25 Th	
26 Sa		26 Mo		26 Th		26 Sa	St Stephen's Day	26 Tu		26 Fr	
27 Su		27 Tu		27 Fr		27 Su	St John the Evangelist	27 We		27 Sa	
28 Mo		28 We	St Simon & St Jude	28 Sa		28 Mo	Holy Innocents	28 Th		28 Su	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent
29 Tu	Michaelmas	29 Th		29 Su	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent	29 Tu		29 Fr			
30 We		30 Fr		30 Mo	St Andrew	30 We		30 Sa			
		31 Sa				31 Tu		31 Su			

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March 2021		April 2021		May 2021		June 2021		July 2021		August 2021	
1 Mo	St David	1 Th	<b>Maundy Thursday*</b>	1 Sa	St Philip & St James	1 Tu		1 Th		1 Su	
2 Tu		2 Fr	<b>Good Friday</b>	2 Su		2 We		2 Fr		2 Mo	
3 We		3 Sa	Holy Saturday	3 Mo		3 Th	Corpus Christi	3 Sa	St Thomas the Apostle	3 Tu	
4 Th		4 Su	<b>Easter Day</b>	4 Tu		4 Fr		4 Su		4 We	
5 Fr		5 Mo		5 We		5 Sa		5 Mo		5 Th	
6 Sa		6 Tu		6 Th		6 Su		6 Tu		6 Fr	The Transfiguration
7 Su	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	7 We		7 Fr		7 Mo		7 We		7 Sa	
8 Mo		8 Th		8 Sa		8 Tu		8 Th		8 Su	
9 Tu		9 Fr		9 Su		9 We		9 Fr		9 Mo	
10 We		10 Sa		10 Mo		10 Th		10 Sa		10 Tu	
11 Th		11 Su		11 Tu		11 Fr	St Barnabus	11 Su		11 We	
12 Fr		12 Mo		12 We		12 Sa		12 Mo		12 Th	
13 Sa		13 Tu		13 Th	<b>Ascension Day</b>	13 Su		13 Tu		13 Fr	
14 Su	Mothering Sunday	14 We		14 Fr	St Matthias the Apostle	14 Mo		14 We		14 Sa	
15 Mo		15 Th		15 Sa		15 Tu		15 Th		15 Su	Blessed Virgin Mary
16 Tu		16 Fr		16 Su		16 We		16 Th		16 Mo	
17 We	St Patrick	17 Sa		17 Mo		17 Th		17 Sa		17 Tu	
18 Th		18 Su		18 Tu		18 Fr		18 Su		18 We	
19 Fr	Joseph of Nazareth	19 Mo		19 We		19 Sa		19 Mo		19 Th	
20 Sa		20 Tu		20 Th		20 Su		20 Tu		20 Fr	
21 Su		21 We		21 Fr		21 Mo		21 We		21 Sa	
22 Mo		22 Th		22 Sa		22 Tu		22 Th	Mary Magdalene	22 Su	
23 Tu		23 Fr	St George	23 Su	<b>Pentecost</b>	23 We		23 Fr		23 Mo	
24 We		24 Sa		24 Mo		24 Th	Birth of John the Baptist	24 Sa		24 Tu	St Bartholomew
25 Th	<b>Annunciation Day</b>	25 Su		25 Tu		25 Fr		25 Su	St James the Apostle	25 We	Thomas Cantilupe
26 Fr		26 Mo	St Mark the Evangelist	26 We		26 Sa		26 Mo		26 Th	
27 Sa		27 Tu		27 Th		27 Su		27 Tu		27 Fr	
28 Su	Palm Sunday	28 We		28 Fr		28 Mo		28 We		28 Sa	
29 Mo	Holy Week	29 Th		29 Sa		29 Tu	St Peter & St Paul	29 Th		29 Su	
30 Tu	Holy Week	30 Fr		30 Su	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	30 We		30 Fr		30 Mo	
31 We	Holy Week			31 Mo	Mary visit to Elizabeth			31 Sa		31 Tu	

\* Maundy Thursday is traditionally marked by a bare altar with no cloth.