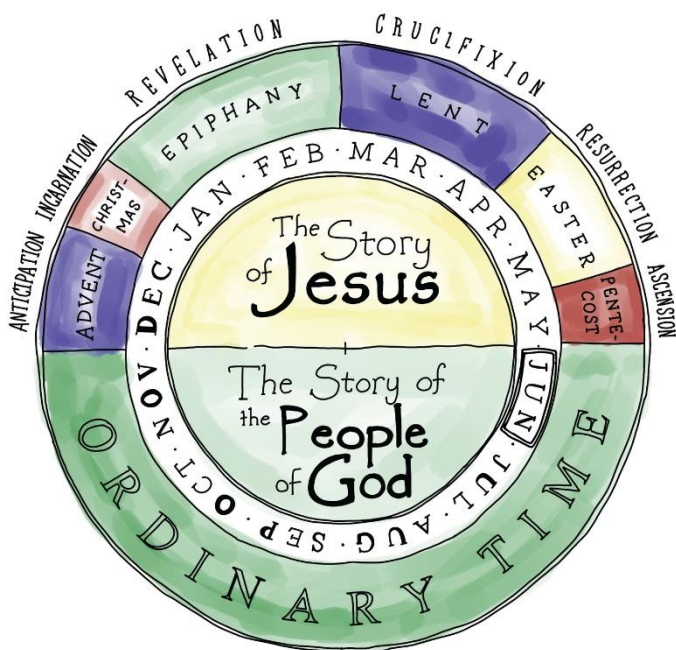




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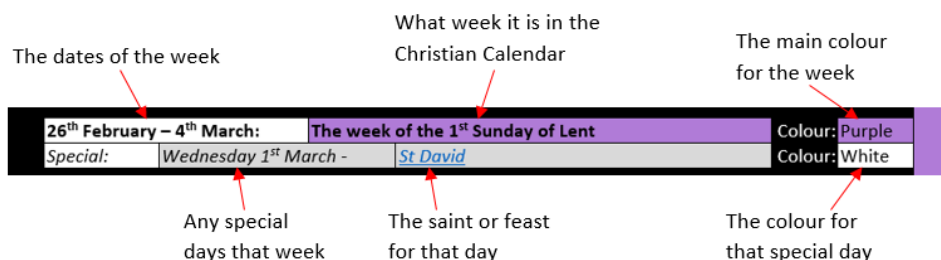
Liturgical Calendar for Church of England Schools



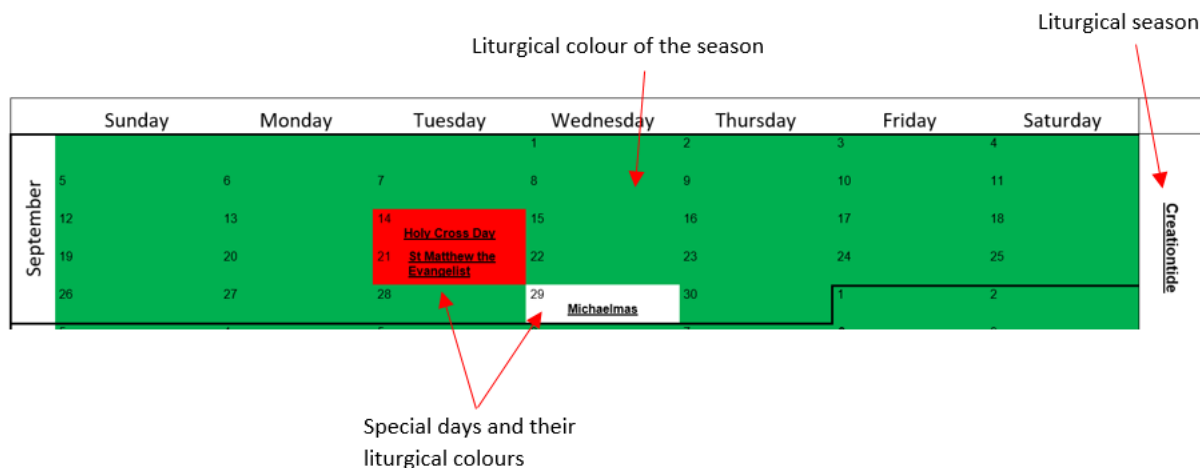
The Anglican Calendar

The liturgical calendar lists and locates the festivals and seasons of the Anglican Church. Our calendar runs for the academic year. It shows the major festivals and saints' days. The festivals for some notable saints for our region, the north of England, are also included (*marked with **). You can click on each item to find out more about it. Again this year, the calendar comes in two formats, a 'Diary Layout' and a 'Calendar Layout'. The information in both formats is the same, so you can use whichever works best for you.

Diary Layout



Calendar Layout



Seasons of the Anglican Year

The Christian Year is made up of seasons. It starts in early winter with the season of Advent, building towards the celebration of Christmas. After Christmas comes the season of Epiphany. This is followed by a period of 'Ordinary Time', the name for parts of the year which are in no particular season. From Ash Wednesday, we are in the season of Lent, preparing Christians for their most important feast of Easter. The season of Easter actually lasts for seven weeks, up to the celebration of Pentecost. Following this is a long period of Ordinary Time. This can be broken up with a season called Creationtide in early autumn.

For more try: <https://christianity.org.uk/article/seasons-in-the-church>

Liturgical Colours & What They Mean				
Purple	Red	Green	Gold	White
				
Penance & Preparation Used during Advent and Lent	Sacrifice Used during Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost and for the Apostles and martyrs	Hope, Life & Growth Used throughout Ordinary Time	Joy & Celebration Used for special days of celebration, such as Easter Sunday and Christmas day	Purity Used in the seasons of Easter & Christmas, and for saints who were not martyrs

Liturgical Colours

The liturgical colours for each festival and season are shown. As the table illustrates, the liturgical colours indicate the mood and focus of the season. For example, the purple of Lent shows that it is a time of preparation before Easter, whereas the red of many saint's days highlights their sacrifice.

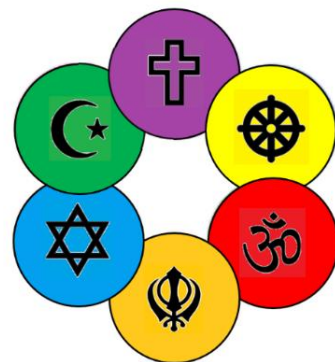
Using season and colours in your worship

The liturgical colours have been used for centuries to help congregations understand and track the seasons of the church year. They can play the same role within your school's collective worship. For some schools, taking time to note with pupils when the colour changes is an opportunity to talk about the new season and what it means to Christians. Others might think of integrating the seasons and colours into their daily words of liturgy. For example, as part of the Gathering phase of worship, the leader or a pupil could say, ***"Today, we are in the season of Lent. Its colour is purple showing us that it is a quieter season of reflection and preparation."*** or, ***"Today is the feast of St Andrew. The colour is red to remind us of his sacrifice."***

Are there other ways you can adapt the mood and content of worship to reflect the season of the church year? Could it influence your choice of songs and music or the extent to which you use quiet reflection time?

World Faiths other than Christianity

In addition, on the final page, you will find a table with some key festivals of world religions other than Christianity. Again you can find out more about each item by clicking on it.



The Anglican Liturgical Calendar for C of E Schools - Academic Year 2025/2026

SEPTEMBER 2025	31 st August – 6 th September:		The week of the 12 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	CREATIONIDE
	Special:	Sunday 31 st August -	St Aidan *	Colour:	White	
	7 th – 13 th September:		The week of the 13 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	14 th – 20 th September:		The week of the 14 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Sunday 14 th September -	Holy Cross Day	Colour:	Red	
	21 st – 27 th September:		The week of the 15 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
OCTOBER	Special:	Sunday 21 st September -	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	Colour:	Red	ORDINARY
	28 th September – 4 th October:		The week of the 16 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Monday 29 th September -	Michael & All Angels (Michaelmas)	Colour:	White	
	5 th – 11 th October:		The week of the 17 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Friday 10 th October -	St Paulinus *	Colour:	White	
	12 th – 18 th October:		The week of the 18 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
NOVEMBER	Special:	Sunday 12 th October -	St Wilfred *	Colour:	White	ALL SAINTS TO ADVENT
	Special:	Saturday 18 th October -	St Luke the Evangelist	Colour:	Red	
	19 th – 25 th October:		The week of the 19 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	26 th October – 1 st November:		The week of the last Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Tuesday 28 th October -	St Simon & St Jude	Colour:	Red	
	Special:	Saturday 1 st November -	All Saints' Day	Colour:	Gold	
DECEMBER	2 nd – 8 th November:		The week of the 4 th Sunday before Advent	Colour:	Green	ADVENT
	Special:	Sunday 2 nd November -	All Souls' Day	Colour:	Purple	
	9 th – 15 th November:		The week of the 3 rd Sunday before Advent	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Sunday 9 th November -	Remembrance Sunday	Colour:	Red	
		Tuesday 11 th November -	Remembrance Day	Colour:		
	16 th – 22 nd November:		The week of the 2 nd Sunday before Advent	Colour:	Green	
JANUARY 2026	Special:	Wednesday 19 th November -	St Hilda *	Colour:	White	CHRISTMAS
	23 rd – 29 th November:		The week of the next Sunday before Advent	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Sunday 23 rd November -	Christ the King	Colour:	White	
	30 th November – 6 th December:		The week of the 1 st Sunday of Advent	Colour:	Purple	
	Special:	Sunday 30 th November -	St Andrew the Apostle	Colour:	Red	
	7 th – 13 th December:		The week of the 2 nd Sunday of Advent	Colour:	Purple	
JANUARY 2026	14 th – 20 th December:		The week of the 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Colour:	Purple	EPIPHANY
	21 st – 27 th December:		The week of the 4 th Sunday of Advent	Colour:	Purple	
	Special:	Thursday 25 th December -	CHRISTMAS DAY	Colour:	Gold	
	Special:	Friday 26 th December -	St Stephen	Colour:	Red	
	Special:	Saturday 27 th December -	St John, Apostle & Evangelist	Colour:	White	
	28 th December – 3 rd January:		The week of the 1 st Sunday of Christmas	Colour:	White	
JANUARY 2026	Special:	Sunday 28 th December -	The Holy Innocents	Colour:	Red	EPIPHANY
	Special:	Thursday 1 st January -	The Naming of Christ	Colour:	White	
	4 th – 10 th January:		The week of the 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Tuesday 6 th January -	Epiphany	Colour:	Gold	
	11 th – 17 th January:		The week of the 1 st Sunday after Epiphany	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Sunday 11 th January -	The Baptism of Christ	Colour:	Gold	
18 th – 24 th January:		The week of the 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany		Colour:	Green	

	25th – 31st January:		The week of the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	Colour: Green	
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 25 th January -	The Conversion of St Paul	Colour: White	
FEBRUARY	1st – 7th February:		The week of the 4th Sunday after Epiphany	Colour: Green	ORDINARY
	<i>Special:</i>	Monday 2 nd February -	The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)	Colour: Gold	
	8th – 14th February:		The week of the 2nd Sunday before Lent	Colour: Green	
	15th – 21st February:		The week of the last Sunday before Lent	Colour: Green	
	<i>Special:</i>	Tuesday 17 th February -	Shrove Tuesday	Colour: Green	
	<i>Special:</i>	Wednesday 18 th February -	ASH WEDNESDAY	Colour: Purple	
MARCH	<i>Special:</i>	From Thursday 19 th February -	Lent	Colour: Purple	LENT
	22nd - 28th February:		The week of the 1st Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple	
	<i>Special:</i>	Tuesday 24 th February -	St Matthias the Apostle	Colour: Red	
	1st – 7th March:		The week of the 2nd Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple	
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 1 st March -	St David	Colour: White	
	8th – 14th March:		The week of the 3rd Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple	
	15th – 21st March:		The week of the 4th Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple	
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 15 th March -	Mothering Sunday	Colour: Purple	
	<i>Special:</i>	Tuesday 17 th March -	St Patrick	Colour: White	
	<i>Special:</i>	Thursday 19 th March -	Joseph of Nazareth	Colour: White	
	<i>Special:</i>	Friday 20 th March -	St Cuthbert *	Colour: White	
	22nd – 28th March:		The week of the 5th Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple	
	<i>Special:</i>	Wednesday 25 th March -	The Annunciation of Mary	Gold	
	29th March – 4th April:		Holy Week	Colour: Red	
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 29 th March -	Palm Sunday	Colour: Red	
APRIL	<i>Special:</i>	Thursday 2 nd April -	Maundy Thursday	Colour: White	HOLY WEEK
	<i>Special:</i>	Friday 3 rd April -	Good Friday	Colour: None	
	<i>Special:</i>	Saturday 4 th April -	Holy Saturday	Colour: None	
	5th – 11th April:		Easter Week	Colour: White	
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 5 th April -	EASTER DAY	Colour: Gold	
	12th – 18th April:		The week of the 2nd Sunday of Easter	Colour: White	
	19th – 25th April:		The week of the 3rd Sunday of Easter	Colour: White	
	<i>Special:</i>	Thursday 23 rd April -	St George	Colour: White	
	<i>Special:</i>	Saturday 25 th April -	St Mark the Evangelist	Colour: Red	
	26th April – 2nd May:		The week of the 4th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White	
MAY	<i>Special:</i>	Thursday 1 st May -	St Philip & St James	Colour: Red	EASTER TIME
	3rd – 9th May:		The week of the 5th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White	
	10th – 16th May:		The week of the 6th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White	
	<i>Special:</i>	Thursday 14 th May -	ASCENSION DAY	Gold	
	17th – 23rd May:		The week of the 7th Sunday of Easter	Colour: White	
	24th – 30th May:		The week of Pentecost	Colour: Green	
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 24 th May -	PENTECOST	Colour: Red	
	<i>Special:</i>	Monday 25 th May -	The Venerable Bede *	Colour: White	
	31st May – 6th June:		The week of Trinity Sunday	Colour: Green	
	<i>Special:</i>	Sunday 31 st May -	Trinity Sunday	Colour: Gold	
	<i>Special:</i>	Monday 1 st June -	Mary visits Elisabeth	Colour: White	ORDINARY TIME
	<i>Special:</i>	Thursday 4 th June -	Corpus Christi	Colour: Gold	

JUNE	7th – 13th June:	The week of the 1st Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special:	Thursday 11 th June - St Barnabas	Colour: Red
	14th – 20th June:	The week of the 2nd Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	21st – 27th June:	The week of the 3rd Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
JULY	Special:	Wednesday 24 th June - Birth of John the Baptist	Colour: White
	28th – 4th July:	The week of the 4th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special:	Monday 29 th June - St Peter & St Paul	Colour: Red
	Special:	Friday 3 rd July - St Thomas the Apostle	Colour: Red
	5th – 11th July:	The week of the 5th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	12th – 18th July:	The week of the 6th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	19th – 25 July:	The week of the 7th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special:	Wednesday 22 nd July - Mary Magdalene	Colour: White
	Special:	Saturday 25 th July - St James the Apostle	Colour: Red
	26th July – 1st August	The week of the 8th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
AUGUST	2nd – 8th August:	The week of the 9th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special:	Wednesday 5 th August - St Oswald *	Colour: White
	Special:	Thursday 6 th August - Transfiguration	Colour: Gold
	9th – 15th August	The week of the 10th Sunday after Trinity	Green
	Special:	Saturday 15 th August - The Blessed Virgin Mary	Colour: Gold
	16th – 22nd August	The week of the 11th Sunday after Trinity	Green
	23rd – 29th August:	The week of the 12th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special:	Monday 24 th August - St Bartholomew	Colour: Red
	30th August – 5th September:	The week of the 13th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special:	Monday 31 st August - St Aidan *	Colour: White

ORDINARY TIME

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2025
September		1	2	3	4	5	6	Creationtide
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14 Holy Cross Day	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21 St Matthew the Evangelist	22	23	24	25	26	27	
October	28	29 Michaelmas	30	1	2	3	4	Ordinary Time
	5	6	7	8	9	10 St Paulinus *	11	
	12 St Wilfred *	13	14	15	16	17	18 St Luke the Evangelist	
	21	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	27	28 St Simon & St Jude	29	30	31	1 All Saints' Day	All Saints to Advent
November	2 All Souls' Day	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9 Remembrance Sunday	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19 St Hilda *	20	21	22	
	23 Christ the King	24	25	26	27	28	29	

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		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2025
December	30	1st Sunday in Advent St Andrew	1	2	3	4	5	6	Advent
	7		8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14		15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21		22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 St Stephen	27 St John the Evangelist	Christmas
2026	28	Holy Innocents	29	30	31	1 Naming of Christ	2	3	
January	4		5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9	10	Epiphany
	11	Baptism of Christ	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	18		19	20	21	22	23	24	
	25	Conversion of St Paul	26	27	28	29	30	31	
February	1		2 Presentation of Christ	3	4	5	6	7	Ordinary
	8		9	10	11	12	13	14	
	15		16	17 Shrove Tuesday	18 ASH WEDNESDAY	19	20	21	Lent
	22		23	24 St Matthias the Apostle	25	26	27	28	
March	1	St David	2	3	4	5	6	7	Lent
	8		9	10	11	12	13	14	

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2026
March	15 Mothering Sunday	8	17 St Patrick	18	19 Joseph of Nazareth	20 St Cuthbert *	21	
	22	23	24	25 Annunciation of Mary	26	27	28	
	29 Palm Sunday	30	31	1	2 Maundy Thursday	3 Good Friday	4	Holy Week
April	5 EASTER DAY	6	7	8	9	10	11	Easteride
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	22	23 St George	24	25 St Mark the Evangelist	
	26	27	28	29	30	1 St Philip & St James	2	
May	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Ordinary Time
	10	11	12	13	14 ASCENSION DAY	15	16	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24 PENTECOST	25 The Venerable Bede *	26	27	28	29	30	
June	31 Trinity Sunday	1 Mary visits Elizabeth	2	3	4 Corpus Christi	5	6	Ordinary Time
	7	8	9	10	11 St Barnabas	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24 Birth of John the Baptist	25	26	27	

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		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2026
		28	29 St Peter & St Paul	30	1	2	3 St Thomas the Apostle	4	Ordinary Time
July		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
		19	20	21	22 Mary Magdalene	23	24	25 St James the Apostle	
		26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
August		2	3	4	5 St Oswald *	6 The Transfiguration	7	8	
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Blessed Virgin Mary	
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
		23	24 St Bartholomew	25	26	27	28	29	
		30	31 St Aidan *						

Some Major Festivals of World Religions – Academic Year 2025/2026

2025			
Sep	Judaism	Sunset of Monday 22 nd – Wednesday 24 th September:	Rosh Hashanah
	Hinduism	Monday 22 nd September – Thursday 2 nd October:	Navaratri
Oct	Judaism	Sunset of Wednesday 1 st - Thursday 2 nd October:	Yom Kippur
	Hinduism	Thursday 2 nd October:	Vijayadashami
	Judaism	Sunset of Monday 6 th – Monday 13 th October:	Sukkot
	Hinduism	Monday 20 th October:	Diwali
	Sikhism	Monday 20 th October:	Diwali
Nov	Sikhism	Wednesday 5 th November:	Guru Nanak Jayanti
Dec	Judaism	Sunset of Sunday 14 th – Monday 22 nd December:	Hanukkah
2026			
Jan	Orthodox	Wednesday 7 th January:	Christmas
Feb	Buddhism	Sunday 15 th February:	Parinirvana
	Chinese	Tuesday 17 th February:	New Year (The Year of the Horse)
	Islam	Predicted Sunset of Tuesday 17 th – Wednesday 18 th February:	Ramadan
Mar	Buddhism	Tuesday 3 rd March:	Magha Puja
	Hinduism	Wednesday 4 th March:	Holi
	Sikhism	Wednesday 4 th – Friday 6 th March:	Hola Mohalla
	Islam	Predicted Sunset of Thursday 19 th – Friday 20 th March:	Eid al-Fitr
Apr	Judaism	Sunset of Wednesday 1 st – Thursday 9 th April:	Pesach (Passover)
	Orthodox	Sunday 12 th April:	Easter
	Sikhism	Tuesday 14 th April:	Vaisakhi
May	Buddhism	Friday 1 st May:	Vesak
	Judaism	Sunset of Thursday 21 st – Saturday 23 rd May:	Shavuot
	Islam	Predicted Sunset of Tuesday 26 th – Saturday 30 th May:	Eid al-Adha
Jul	Buddhism	Wednesday 29 th July	Asalha Puja

