

Liturgical Calendar for Church of England Schools



The Anglican Calendar

The liturgical calendar indicates the festivals and seasons of the Anglican Church. The calendar runs for the **academic year**. It shows the major festivals and saints' days. The festivals for some notable saints for our region are also included (***bold & italics***). You can click on each item to find out more.

Liturgical Colours

The liturgical colours for each festival and season are shown. Further explanation of the liturgical colours can be found below the calendar.



Other World Faiths

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

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

The Anglican Liturgical Calendar - Academic Year 2021 / 2022

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2021
September				1	2	3	4	Creationide
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	12	13	14 <u>Holy Cross Day</u>	15	16	17	18	
	19	20	21 <u>St Matthew the Evangelist</u>	22	23	24	25	
	26	27	28	29 <u>Michaelmas</u>	30	1	2	
October	5	4	5	6	7	8	9	Ordinary Time
	10 <u>St Paulinus *</u>	11	12 <u>St Wilfred *</u>	13	14	15	16	
	17	18 <u>St Luke the Evangelist</u>	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25	26	27	28 <u>St Simon & St Jude</u>	29	30	
	31	1 <u>All Saints' Day</u>	2 <u>All Souls' Day</u>	3	4	5	6	
November	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	All Saints to Advent **
	14 <u>Remembrance Sunday</u>	15	16	17	18	19 <u>St Hilda *</u>	20	
	21 <u>Christ the King</u>	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28 <u>1st Sunday in Advent</u>	29	30 <u>St Andrew</u>	1	2	3	4	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
December	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Advent
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>	
	26 <u>St Stephen</u>	27 <u>St John the Evangelist</u>	28 <u>Holy Innocents</u>	29	30	31		

* If you make note of this saint during your worship the colour should be white.

** During All Saints to Advent the liturgical colour can also be red

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2022
							¹ <u>Naming of Christ</u>	
January	2	3	4	5	6 <u>Epiphany</u>	7	8	<u>Epiphany</u>
	9	10 <u>Baptism of Christ</u>	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25 <u>Conversion of St Paul</u>	26	27	28	29	
	30	31	1	2 <u>Presentation of Christ</u>	3	4	5	
February	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Ordinary Time</u>
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	27	28	1 <u>Shrove Tuesday</u> <u>St David</u>	2 <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>	3	4	5	
March	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<u>Lent</u>
	13	14	15	16	17 <u>St Patrick</u>	18	19 <u>Joseph of Nazareth</u>	
	20 <u>St Cuthbert</u> *	21	22	23	24	25 <u>Annunciation of Mary</u>	26	
	27 <u>Mothering Sunday</u>	28	29	30	31	1	2	
April	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	<u>Holy Week</u>
	10 <u>Palm Sunday</u>	11	12	13	14 <u>Maundy Thursday</u>	15 <u>Good Friday</u>	16	
	17 <u>EASTER DAY</u>	18	19	20	21	22	23 <u>St George</u>	<u>Easteride</u>
	24	25 <u>St Mark the Evangelist</u>	26	27	28	29	30	

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
May	1 St Philip & St James	2	3	4	5	6	7	Easteride
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 St Matthias the Apostle	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25 The Venerable Bede *	26 ASCENSION DAY	27	28	
	29	30	31 Mary visits Elizabeth	1	2	3	4	
June	5 PENTECOST	6	7	8	9	10	11 St Barnabas	Ordinary Time
	12 Trinity Sunday	13	14	15	16 Corpus Christi	17	18	
	19	20	21	22	23	24 Birth of John the Baptist	25	
	26	27	28	29 St Peter & St Paul	30	1	2	
July	3 St Thomas the Apostle	4	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	
August	31	1	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 *				

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Click here for the [Inter Faith Network - Calendar of Religious Festivals](#)

Liturgical Calendar (Calendar for the Church Year as taken from Common Worship)

The liturgical calendar indicates the festivals and seasons of the Anglican Church. The Liturgical year begins at Advent each year. Below is a list which relates to the Church calendar, together with an explanation of the symbolism relating to each of the liturgical colours.

Season	Colour	Symbolism
Advent	Purple	<i>Purple: used for times of deep thinking / reflection. Also used for 'penitence' (being sorry). Sometimes used at adult funerals</i>
Christmas Day	White or Gold	
Christmas season	White or Gold	
Epiphany	White or Gold	<i>White: purity e.g. Baptism, child funeral and sometimes adult funerals. Also sometimes used for celebration rather than gold. Often this represents the season rather than the day e.g. Christmas day might be gold but the Christmas season might be white. Also used for saints who <u>did not</u> die as martyrs.</i>
Purification (Candlemas)	White or Gold	
Sundays before Lent	Green	
Ash Wednesday	Purple	<i>Gold: celebration at Easter or Christmas</i>
Lent	Purple	
Passion Sunday	Purple	
Palm Sunday	Red	
Maundy Thursday	White	
Good Friday	Bare	
Holy Saturday	Bare	<i>Green: 'ordinary time'. This is the time between festivals or seasons. The green is often considered to be symbolic of quiet growth.</i>
Easter Day	White or Gold	
Easter season	White	
Ascension Day	White or Gold	
Whitsunday	Red	<i>Red: used for saints who died as martyrs. Also as representation of flame/fire for the Holy Spirit (Whitsun / Pentecost)</i>
Trinity Sunday	White	
Trinity season	Green	
4th to 1st Sunday before Advent	Red or Green	
All Saints' Day	White or Gold	<i>On Maundy Thursday night the church is usually stripped bare and <u>no colour</u> is used. The altar will be stripped of all decoration revealing the bare wood symbolising the barrenness and desolation of the crucifixion and time in the tomb. This is the case until the coming of Easter when the light and joy of the resurrection is reflected in the redressing of the altar and the decoration of the church.</i>
All Souls' Day	Red or Green	
Remembrance Sunday	Red or Green	
Christ the King	Red or White	

Some Festivals in Other World Religions Academic Year 2020 / 2021

		Buddhism 	Hinduism 	Islam 	Judaism 	Sikhism 	Other
2021	September				6 th – 8 th <u>Rosh Hashanah</u> 15 th – 16 th <u>Yom Kippur</u> 20 nd – 27 th <u>Sukkot</u>		
	October		14 th <u>Vijayadashami</u> 7 th – 15 th <u>Navratri</u>				
	November		4 th <u>Diwali</u>		28 th – 6 th <u>Hanukkah</u>	4 th <u>Diwali</u> 19 th <u>Guru Nanak Gurburab</u>	
	December						
2022	January						7 th Orthodox Christmas Day
	February	15 th <u>Parinirvana</u> 16 th <u>Magha Puja</u>					1 st <u>Chinese New Year (Tiger)</u>
	March		19 th <u>Holi</u>			18 th – 20 th <u>Hola</u>	
	April			2 nd April – 1 st May <u>Ramadan</u>	15 th – 23 th <u>Pesach (Passover)</u>	14 th <u>Vaisakhi</u>	24 th Orthodox Easter Day
	May	6 th <u>Vesak</u>		2 nd – 3 rd May <u>Eid al-Fitr</u>			
	June						
	July	13 th <u>Asalha Puja</u>		9 th - 10 th <u>Eid al-Adha</u>			
	August		18 th - 19 th <u>Janmashtami</u>				

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