



Academic Year 2026 / 2027

Liturgical Calendar for Church of England Schools

The Anglican Calendar

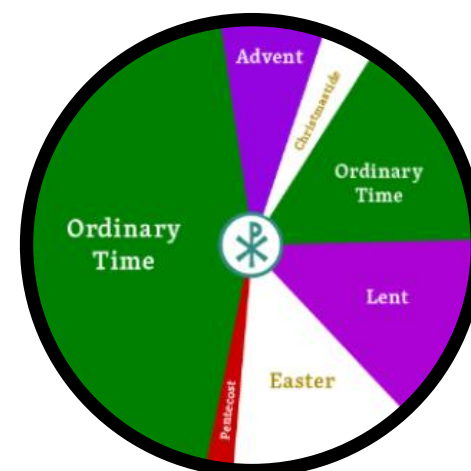
The liturgical calendar lists and locates the festivals and seasons of the Anglican Church. Our calendar runs for the academic year. It shows the major festivals and saints' days. The festivals for some notable saints for our region, the north of England, are also included (*marked with **). You can click on each item to find out more about it.



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

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?

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

Calendar Layout						
Liturgical colour of the season						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	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	28	29 Michaelmas	30	1	2
Creationide						

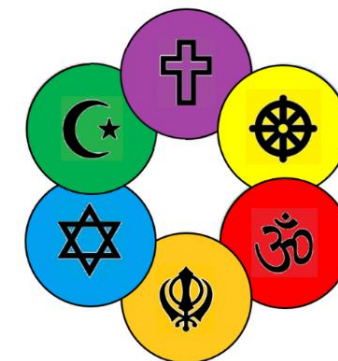
Formats

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		
The dates of the week	What week it is in the Christian Calendar	The main colour for the week
26 th February – 4 th March:	The week of the 1 st Sunday of Lent	Colour: Purple
Special: Wednesday 1 st March -	St David	Colour: White
Any special days that week	The saint or feast for that day	The colour for that special day

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.



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SEPTEMBER 2026	30th August – 5th September:		The week of the 13 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	CREATION/TIDE
	Special:	Monday 31 st August -	St Aidan *	Colour:	White	
	6 th – 12 th September:		The week of the 14 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	13 th – 19 th September:		The week of the 15 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Monday 14 th September -	Holy Cross Day	Colour:	Red	
	20 th – 26 th September:		The week of the 16 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
OCTOBER	Special:	Monday 21 st September -	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	Colour:	Red	ORDINARY TIME
	27 th September – 3 rd October:		The week of the 17 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Tuesday 29 th September -	Michael & All Angels (Michaelmas)	Colour:	White	
	4 th – 10 th October:		The week of the 18 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Saturday 10 th October -	St Paulinus *	Colour:	White	
	11 th – 17 th October:		The week of the 19 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Monday 12 th October -	St Wilfred *	Colour:	White	
	18 th – 24 th October:		The week of the 20 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Sunday 18 th October -	St Luke the Evangelist	Colour:	Red	
	25 th – 31 st October:		The week of the last Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Wednesday 28 th October -	St Simon & St Jude	Colour:	Red	
	1 st – 7 th November:		The week of the 4 th Sunday before Advent	Colour:	Green	
DECEMBER	Special:	Sunday 1 st November -	All Saints' Day	Colour:	Gold	ADVENT
	Special:	Monday 2 nd November -	All Souls' Day	Colour:	Purple	
	8 th – 14 th November:		The week of the 3 rd Sunday before Advent	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Sunday 8 th November -	Remembrance Sunday	Colour:	Red	
		Wednesday 11 th November -	Remembrance Day	Colour:		
	15 th – 21 st November:		The week of the 2 nd Sunday before Advent	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Thursday 19 th November -	St Hilda *	Colour:	White	
	22 nd – 28 th November:		The week of the next Sunday before Advent	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Sunday 22 nd November -	Christ the King	Colour:	White	
	29 th November – 5 th December:		The week of the 1 st Sunday of Advent	Colour:	Purple	
JANUARY 2027	Special:	Monday 30 th November -	St Andrew the Apostle	Colour:	Red	CHRISTMAS
	6 th – 12 th December:		The week of the 2 nd Sunday of Advent	Colour:	Purple	
	13 th – 19 th December:		The week of the 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Colour:	Purple	
	20 th – 26 th December:		The week of the 4 th Sunday of Advent	Colour:	Purple	
	Special:	Friday 25 th December -	CHRISTMAS DAY	Colour:	Gold	
	Special:	Saturday 26 th December -	St Stephen	Colour:	Red	
JANUARY 2027	27 th December – 2 nd January:		The week of the 1 st Sunday of Christmas	Colour:	White	EPIPHANY
	Special:	Sunday 27 th December -	St John, Apostle & Evangelist	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Monday 28 th December -	The Holy Innocents	Colour:	Red	
	Special:	Friday 1 st January -	The Naming of Christ	Colour:	White	
	3 rd – 9 th January:		The week of the 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Wednesday 6 th January -	Epiphany	Colour:	Gold	
JANUARY 2027	10 th – 16 th January:		The week of the 1 st Sunday after Epiphany	Colour:	White	EPIPHANY
	Special:	Monday 11 th January -	The Baptism of Christ	Colour:	Gold	
	17 th – 23 rd January:		The week of the 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Colour:	White	

FEBRUARY	24 th – 30 th January:		The week of the 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Colour:	White	ORD
	Special:	Monday 25 th January -	The Conversion of St Paul	Colour:	White	
	31 st January – 6 th February:		The week of the 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Tuesday 2 nd February -	The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)	Colour:	Gold	
	7 th – 13 th February:		The week of the last Sunday before Lent	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Tuesday 9 th February -	Shrove Tuesday	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Wednesday 10 th February -	ASH WEDNESDAY	Colour:	Purple	
	Special:	From Thursday 19 th February -	Lent	Colour:	Purple	
	14 th – 20 th February:		The week of the 1 st Sunday of Lent	Colour:	Purple	
	21 st – 27 th February:		The week of the 2 nd Sunday of Lent	Colour:	Purple	
MARCH	Special:	Wednesday 24 th February -	St Matthias the Apostle	Colour:	Red	LENT
	28 th February – 6 th March:		The week of the 3 rd Sunday of Lent	Colour:	Purple	
	Special:	Monday 1 st March -	St David	Colour:	White	
	7 th – 13 th March:		The week of the 4 th Sunday of Lent	Colour:	Purple	
	Special:	Sunday 7 th March -	Mothering Sunday	Colour:	Purple	
	14 th – 20 th March:		The week of the 5 th Sunday of Lent	Colour:	Purple	
	Special:	Wednesday 17 th March -	St Patrick	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Friday 19 th March -	Joseph of Nazareth	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Saturday 20 th March -	St Cuthbert *	Colour:	White	
	21 st – 27 th March:		Holy Week	Colour:	Red	HOLY WEEK
	Special:	Sunday 21 st March -	Palm Sunday	Colour:	Red	
	Special:	Thursday 25 th March -	Maundy Thursday	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Friday 26 th March -	Good Friday	Colour:	None	
	Special:	Saturday 27 th March -	Holy Saturday	Colour:	None	EASTER TIME
	28 th March – 3 rd April:		Easter Week	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Sunday 28 th March -	EASTER DAY	Colour:	Gold	
	4 th – 10 th April:		The week of the 2 nd Sunday of Easter	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Monday 5 th April -	The Annunciation of Mary (moved from 25/03)	Colour:	Gold	
	11 th – 17 th April:		The week of the 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Colour:	White	
	18 th – 24 th April:		The week of the 4 th Sunday of Easter	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Friday 23 rd April -	St George	Colour:	White	
	25 th April – 1 st May:		The week of the 5 th Sunday of Easter	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Sunday 25 th April -	St Mark the Evangelist	Colour:	Red	
	Special:	Saturday 1 st May -	St Philip & St James	Colour:	Red	
MAY	2 nd – 8 th May:		The week of the 6 th Sunday of Easter	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Thursday 6 th May -	ASCENSION DAY	Colour:	Gold	
	9 th – 15 th May:		The week of the 7 th Sunday of Easter	Colour:	White	
	16 th – 22 nd May:		The week of Pentecost	Colour:	Green	ORDINARY TIME
	Special:	Sunday 16 th May -	PENTECOST	Colour:	Red	
	23 rd – 29 th May:		The week of Trinity Sunday	Colour:		
	Special:	Sunday 23 rd May -	Trinity Sunday	Colour:	Gold	
	Special:	Tuesday 25 th May -	The Venerable Bede *	Colour:	White	
	Special:	Thursday 27 th May -	Corpus Christi	Colour:	Gold	
	30 th May – 5 th June:		The week of the 1 st Sunday after Trinity	Colour:	Green	
	Special:	Tuesday 1 st June -	Mary visits Elisabeth	Colour:	White	

JUNE	6 th – 12 th June:	The week of the 2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special: Friday 11 th June -	St Barnabas	Colour: Red
	13 th – 19 th June:	The week of the 3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	20 th – 26 th June:	The week of the 4 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
JULY	Special: Thursday 24 th June -	Birth of John the Baptist	Colour: White
	27 th – 3 rd July:	The week of the 5 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special: Tuesday 29 th June -	St Peter & St Paul	Colour: Red
	Special: Saturday 3 rd July -	St Thomas the Apostle	Colour: Red
	4 th – 10 th July:	The week of the 6 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	11 th – 17 th July:	The week of the 7 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	18 th – 24 th July:	The week of the 8 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special: Thursday 22 nd July -	Mary Magdalene	Colour: White
AUGUST	25 th – 31 st July	The week of the 9 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special: Sunday 25 th July -	St James the Apostle	Colour: Red
	1 st – 7 th August:	The week of the 10 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special: Thursday 5 th August -	St Oswald *	Colour: White
	Special: Friday 6 th August -	Transfiguration	Colour: Gold
	8 th – 14 th August	The week of the 11 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	15 th – 21 st August	The week of the 12 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special: Sunday 15 th August	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Colour: Gold
	22 nd – 28 th August:	The week of the 13 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special: Tuesday 24 th August -	St Bartholomew	Colour: Red
	29 th August – 4 th September:	The week of the 14 th Sunday after Trinity	Colour: Green
	Special: Tuesday 31 st August -	St Aidan *	Colour: White

ORDINARY TIME

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2026
September		1	2	3	4	5		Creationtide
	6	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	28	29 Michaelmas	30	1	2	3	
October	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 St Paulinus *	Ordinary Time
	11	12 St Wilfred *	13	14	15	16	17	
	18 St Luke the Evangelist	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	25	26	27	28 St Simon & St Jude	29	30	31	
November	1 All Saints' Day	2 All Souls' Day	3	4	5	6	7	All Saints to Advent
	8 Remembrance Sunday	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19 St Hilda *	20	21	
	22 Christ the King	23	24	25	26	27	28	

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		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2026
December	29	1st Sunday in Advent	30 St Andrew	1	2	3	4	5	Advent
	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	
	13		14	15	16	17	18	19	
			21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 St Stephen	Christmas
2027	27	St John the Evangelist	28 Holy Innocents	29	30	31	1 Naming of Christ	2	
January	3		4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9	Epiphany
	10		11 Baptism of Christ	14	13	14	15	16	
	17		18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24		25 Conversion of St Paul	26	27	28	29	30	
February	31		1	2 Presentation of Christ	3	4	5	6	Ordinary Time
	7		8	9 Shrove Tuesday	10 ASH WEDNESDAY	11	12	13	
	14		15	16	17	18	19	20	Lent
	22		22	23	24 St Matthias the Apostle	25	26	27	
March	28		1 St David	2	3	4	5	6	Lent
	7 Mothering Sunday		8	9	10	11	12	13	

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2027
March	14	15	16	17 St Patrick	18	19 Joseph of Nazareth	20 St Cuthbert *	
	21 Palm Sunday	22	23	24	25 Maundy Thursday	26 Good Friday	27	Holy Week
	28 EASTER DAY	29	30	31	1	2	3	
April	4	5 Annunciation of Mary (moved from 25/03)	6	7	8	9	10	
	11	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	Easteride
May	2	3	4	5	6 ASCENSION DAY	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16 PENTECOST	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23 Trinity Sunday	24	25 The Venerable Bede *	26	27 Corpus Christi	28	29	
	30	31	1 Mary visits Elizabeth	2	3	4	5	Ordinary Time
June	6	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	

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		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2027
		27	28	29 St Peter & St Paul	30	1	2	3 St Thomas the Apostle	Ordinary Time
July		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	31	
August		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 *					

Some Major Festivals of World Religions – Academic Year 2026/2027

2026			
Sep	Judaism	Sunset of Friday 11 th – Sunday 13 th September:	<u>Rosh Hashanah</u>
	Judaism	Sunset of Sunday 20 th - Monday 21 st September:	<u>Yom Kippur</u>
	Judaism	Sunset of Friday 25 th – Friday 2 nd October:	<u>Sukkot</u>
Oct	Hinduism	Sunday 11 th – Tuesday 20 th October:	<u>Navaratri</u>
	Hinduism	Wednesday 21 st October:	<u>Vijayadashami</u>
Nov	Hinduism	Sunday 8 th November:	<u>Diwali</u>
	Sikhism	Sunday 8 th November:	<u>Diwali</u>
	Sikhism	Tuesday 24 th November:	<u>Guru Nanak Jayanti</u>
Dec	Judaism	Sunset of Friday 4 th – Saturday 12 nd December:	<u>Hanukkah</u>
2027			
Jan	Orthodox	Thursday 7 th January:	Christmas
Feb	Chinese	Saturday 6 th February:	<u>New Year (The Year of the Goat)</u>
	Islam	Predicted Sunset of Sunday 7 th – Monday 8 th March:	<u>Ramadan</u>
	Buddhism	Monday 15 th February:	<u>Parinirvana</u>
	Buddhism	Tuesday 3 rd March:	<u>Magha Puja</u>
Mar	Islam	Predicted Sunset of Tuesday 9 th – Wednesday 10 th March:	<u>Eid al-Fitr</u>
	Hinduism	Wednesday 22 nd March:	<u>Holi</u>
	Sikhism	Tuesday 23 rd – Thursday 25 th March:	<u>Hola Mohalla</u>
Apr	Judaism	Sunset of Wednesday 21 st – Thursday 29 th April:	<u>Pesach (Passover)</u>
	Sikhism	Wednesday 14 th April:	<u>Vaisakhi</u>
May	Orthodox	Sunday 2 nd May:	Easter
	Islam	Predicted Sunset of Sunday 16 th – Thursday 20 th May:	<u>Eid al-Adha</u>
	Buddhism	Thursday 20 th May:	<u>Vesak</u>
Jun	Judaism	Sunset of Thursday 10 th – Friday 11 th June:	<u>Shavuot</u>
Jul	Buddhism	Saturday 18 th July	<u>Asalha Puja</u>

