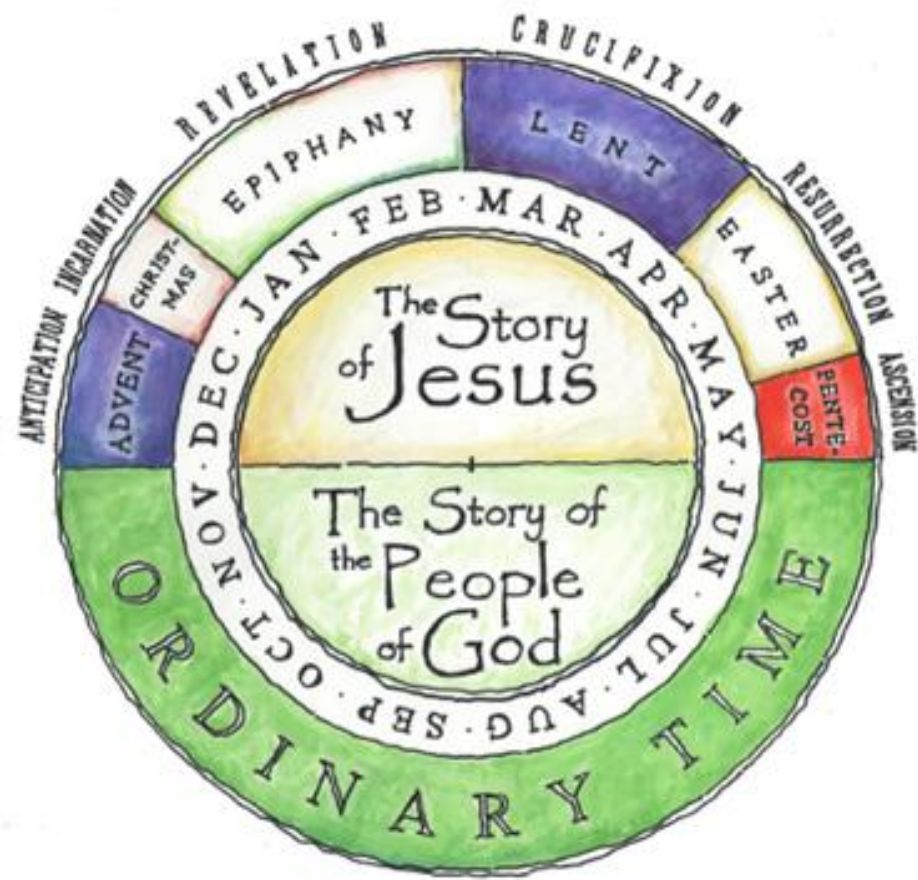




The Anglican Liturgical Calendar Academic Year 2026/27

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. The liturgical calendar indicates the festivals and seasons of the Anglican Church. This 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 (marked with *). You can click on each item to find out more about it.

Most churches will use different coloured vestments (a 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.

Purple	Red	Green	Gold	White
Penance and Preparation Used during Advent and Lent	Sacrifice Used during Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost and for the Apostle and martyrs	Hope, Life and Growth Use throughout ordinary time	Joy and Celebration Used for special days of celebration such as Easter Sunday and Christmas Day	Purity Used in the seasons of Easter and Christmas and for saints who were not martyrs

Using Seasons and Colours in Collective Worship

The colours and seasons of the Church year have long helped Christians mark the rhythm of faith, providing a visual reminder of key events, themes and celebrations. Within collective worship, they can help pupils connect with the wider Christian story and understand how worship changes throughout the year.

This approach may be particularly meaningful for those who connect with Kathryn Wright's Traditionalist sacred pathway. Traditionalists are often drawn to symbols, routines and rituals that root them in the traditions of the Christian faith and create a sense of reverence and belonging.

Some schools choose to acknowledge liturgical colours as part of the Gathering, for example:

"Today we are in the season of Lent. The colour is purple, reminding us that this is a time for reflection, prayer and preparation."

Or:

"Today we celebrate St George's Day. The colour is red, symbolising courage, sacrifice and the work of the Holy Spirit."

Schools can also reflect the season through displays, prayer spaces, music and opportunities for reflection.

During quieter seasons such as Advent and Lent, worship may include more stillness and contemplation, while celebrations such as Easter can be marked with joyful songs and a more festive atmosphere.

By incorporating the colours, themes and rhythms of the Church year, schools can enrich collective worship, helping pupils engage with Christian tradition while offering another pathway for spiritual development.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14 <u>Holy Cross Day</u>	15	16	17	18 <u>St Hybald*</u>	19	20
	21 <u>St Matthew the Evangelist</u>	22	23	24	25	26	27
October	28	29 <u>Michaelmas</u>	30	1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	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>
November	2 <u>All Souls' Day</u>	3	4	5	6	7	8 <u>Remembrance Sunday</u>
	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15
	16	17 <u>Hugh of Lincoln*</u>	18	19	20	21	22 <u>Christ The King</u>
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29 <u>1st Sunday of Advent</u>
December	30 <u>St Andrew</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	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			

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January					1 <u>Naming of Christ</u>	2	3
	4	5	6 <u>Epiphany</u>	7	8	9	10 <u>Baptism of Jesus</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
February	1	2 <u>Presentation of Jesus (Candlemas)</u>	3	4 Gilbert of Sempringham*	5	6	7
	8	9 <u>Shrove Tuesday</u>	10 <u>Ash Wednesday</u>	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	27	27	28
March	1 <u>St David</u>	2 <u>St Chad*</u>	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17 <u>St Patrick</u>	18	19 <u>Joseph of Nazareth</u>	20	21 <u>Palm Sunday</u>
	22 Holy Week	23 Holy Week	24 Holy week	25 <u>Maundy Thursday</u>	26 <u>Good Friday</u>	27 <u>Holy Saturday</u>	28 <u>Easter Sunday</u>
April	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	5 <u>Annunciation of Mary</u>	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23 <u>St George</u>	24	25 <u>St Mark the Evangelist</u>
	26	27	28	29	30		

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May						1 St Philip and St James	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	26	27 Corpus Christi	28	29	30
June	31 Mary visits Elizabeth	1	2	3	4	5	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	27
July	28	29 St Peter and St Paul	30	1	2	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	31	1
April	2	3	4	5	6 The Transfiguration	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Blessed Virgin Mary
	16	17	18 St Helena	19	20	21	22
	23 St Bartholomew	24	25	26	27	28	29/30/31