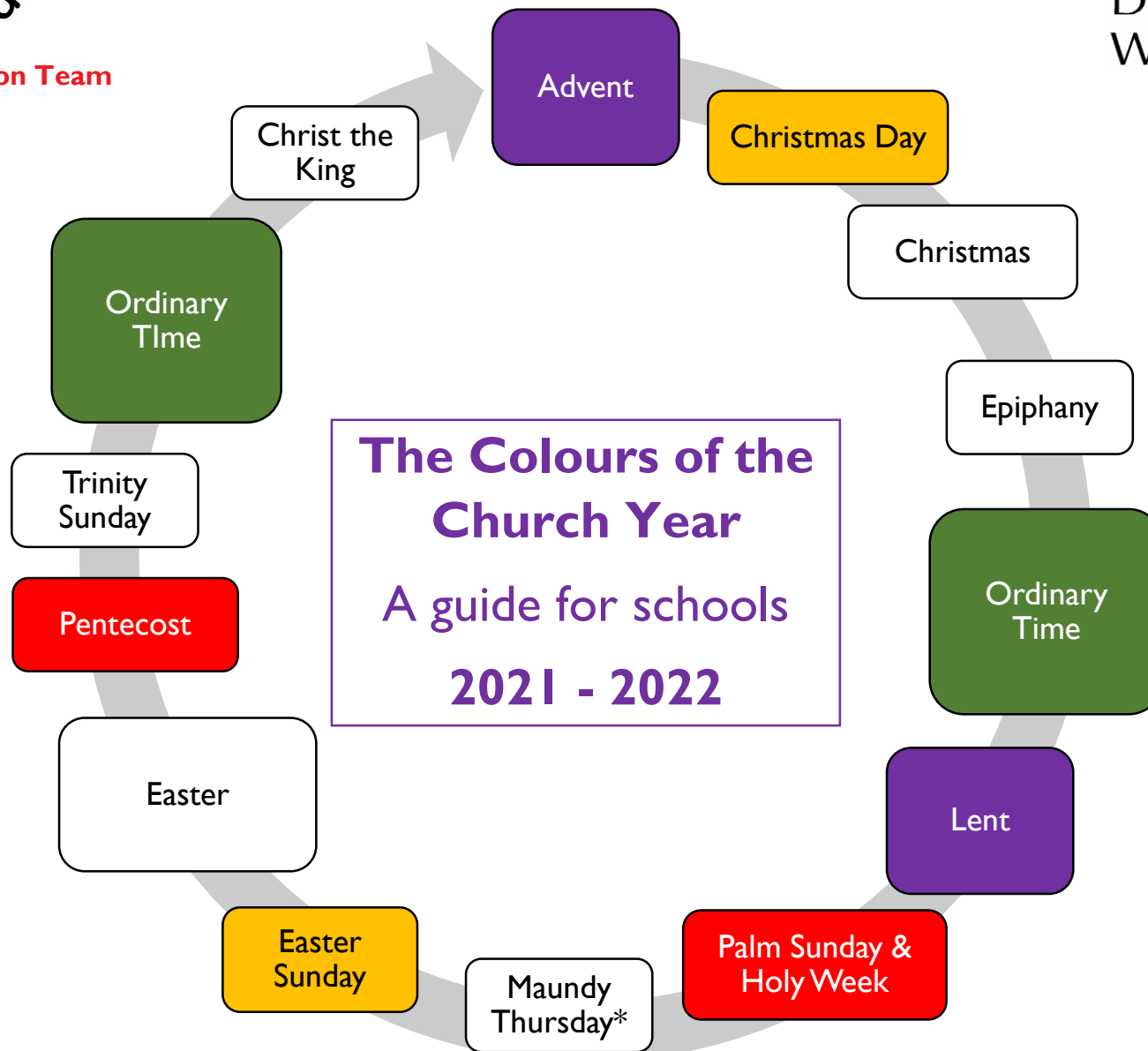


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The Anglican Church Year

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 (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.

The meaning of the colours (dates are coloured on the attached calendar)

Green	Used during 'Ordinary time' between the main festivals and seasons. This covers most of the year and can represent growth.
Red	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).
White	Represents being pure, in celebrations such as baptisms, weddings, and some funerals. Also used for celebrations either on its own or with gold. It is also used for saints who did not die as martyrs.
Gold	Key celebrations, for example Christmas Day and Easter Sunday.
Purple	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 2021-22. 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's 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.



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*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. Churches will remain bare until Eater Sunday. You can download daily prayers and reading apps from <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps> to support your worship planning.

** Candlemas is also known as the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

September 2021		October 2021		November 2021		December 2021		January 2022		February 2022	
1 Wed		1 Fri		1 Mon	All Saints' Day	1 Wed		1 Sat	Naming of Christ	1 Tue	
2 Thu		2 Sat		2 Tue	All Souls' Day	2 Thu		2 Sun		2 Wed	Candlemas**
3 Fri		3 Sun		3 Wed		3 Fri		3 Mon		3 Thu	
4 Sat		4 Mon		4 Thu		4 Sat		4 Tue		4 Fri	
5 Sun		5 Tue		5 Fri		5 Sun	2 nd Sunday in Advent	5 Wed		5 Sat	
6 Mon		6 Wed		6 Sat		6 Mon		6 Thu	The Epiphany	6 Sun	
7 Tue		7 Thu		7 Sun	Remembrance Sunday	7 Tue		7 Fri		7 Mon	
8 Wed		8 Fri		8 Mon		8 Wed		8 Sat		8 Tue	
9 Thu		9 Sat		9 Tue		9 Thu		9 Sun	Baptism of Jesus	9 Wed	
10 Fri		10 Sun		10 Wed		10 Fri		10 Mon		10 Thu	
11 Sat		11 Mon		11 Thu	Remembrance Day	11 Sat		11 Tue		11 Fri	
12 Sun		12 Tue		12 Fri		12 Sun	3 rd Sunday in Advent	12 Wed		12 Sat	
13 Mon		13 Wed		13 Sat		13 Mon		13 Thu		13 Sun	
14 Tue	Holy Cross Day	14 Thu		14 Sun		14 Tue		14 Fri		14 Mon	
15 Wed		15 Fri		15 Mon		15 Wed		15 Sat		15 Tue	



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16 Thu		16 Sat		16 Tue		16 Thu		16 Sun		16 Wed	
17 Fri		17 Sun		17 Wed		17 Fri		17 Mon		17 Thu	
18 Sat		18 Mon	St Luke the Evangelist	18 Thu		18 Sat		18 Tue		18 Fri	
19 Sun		19 Tue		19 Fri		19 Sun	4 th Sunday in Advent	19 Wed		19 Sat	
20 Mon		20 Wed		20 Sat		20 Mon		20 Thu		20 Sun	
21 Tue	St Matthew	21 Thu		22 Sun	Christ the King	21 Tue		22 Fri		22 Mon	
22 Wed		22 Fri		22 Mon		22 Wed		22 Sat		22 Tue	
23 Thu		23 Sat		23 Tue		23 Thu		23 Sun		23 Wed	
24 Fri		24 Sun		24 Wed		24 Fri	Christmas Eve	24 Mon		24 Thu	
25 Sat		25 Mon		25 Thu		25 Sat	Christmas Day	25 Tue	Conversion of St Paul	25 Fri	
26 Sun		26 Tue		26 Fri		26 Sun		26 Wed		26 Sat	
27 Mon		27 Wed		27 Sat		27 Mon	St Stephen's Day	27 Thu		27 Sun	
28 Tue		28 Thu	St Simon & St Jude	28 Sun	1 st Sunday in Advent	28 Tue	St John the Evangelist	28 Fri		28 Mon	
29 Wed	Michaelmas	29 Fri		29 Mon		29 Wed	Holy Innocents	29 Sat			
30 Thu		30 Sat		30 Tue	St Andrew	30 Thu		30 Sun			
		31 Sun				31 Fri		31 Mon			



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1 Tue	Shrove Tuesday / St David	1 Fri		1 Sun	St Philip & St James	1 Wed		1 Fri		1 Mon	
2 Wed	Ash Wednesday	2 Sat		2 Mon		2 Thu		2 Sat		2 Tue	
3 Thu		3 Sun	5 th Sunday of Lent	3 Tue		3 Fri	Corpus Christi	3 Sun	St Thomas the Apostle	3 Wed	
4 Fri		4 Mon		4 Wed		4 Sat		4 Mon		4 Thu	
5 Sat		5 Tue		5 Thu		5 Sun	Pentecost	5 Tue		5 Fri	
6 Sun	1 st Sunday in Lent	6 Wed		6 Fri		6 Mon		6 Wed		6 Sat	The Transfiguration
7 Mon		7 Thu		7 Sat		7 Tue		7 Thu		7 Sun	
8 Tue		8 Fri		8 Sun		8 Wed		8 Fri		8 Mon	
9 Wed		9 Sat		9 Mon		9 Thu		9 Sat		9 Tue	
10 Thu		10 Sun	Palm Sunday	10 Tue		10 Fri		10 Sun		10 Wed	
11 Fri		11 Mon	Holy Week	11 Wed		11 Sat	St Barnabas	11 Mon		11 Thu	
12 Sat		12 Tue	Holy Week	12 Thu		12 Sun	Trinity Sunday	12 Tue		12 Fri	
13 Sun	2 nd Sunday in Lent	13 Wed	Holy Week	13 Fri		13 Mon		13 Wed		13 Sat	
14 Mon		14 Thu	Maundy Thursday*	14 Sat	St Matthias the Apostle	14 Tue		14 Thu		14 Sun	
15 Tue		15 Fri	Good Friday	15 Sun		15 Wed		15 Fri		15 Mon	Blessed Virgin Mary
16 Wed		16 Sat	Holy Saturday	16 Mon		16 Thu		16 Sat		16 Tue	
17 Thu	St Patrick	17 Sun	Easter Day	17 Tue		17 Fri		17 Sun		17 Wed	
18 Fri		18 Mon		18 Wed		18 Sat		18 Mon		18 Thu	
19 Sat	Joseph of Nazareth	19 Tue		19 Thu		19 Sun		19 Tue		19 Fri	
20 Sun	3 rd Sunday of Lent	20 Wed		20 Fri		20 Mon		20 Wed		20 Sat	



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22 Mon		22 Thu		22 Sat		21 Tue		22 Thu		22 Sun	
22 Tue		22 Fri		22 Sun		22 Wed		22 Fri	Mary Magdalene	22 Mon	
23 Wed		23 Sat	St George	23 Mon		23 Thu		23 Sat		23 Tue	
24 Thu		24 Sun		24 Tue		24 Fri	Birth of John the Baptist	24 Sun		24 Wed	St Bartholomew
25 Fri	Annunciation Day	25 Mon		25 Wed		25 Sat		25 Mon	St James the Apostle	25 Thu	
26 Sat		26 Tue	St Mark the Evangelist	26 Thu	Ascension Day	26 Sun		26 Tue		26 Fri	
27 Sun	Mother's Day / 4 th Sunday of Lent	27 Wed		27 Fri		27 Mon		27 Wed		27 Sat	
28 Mon		28 Thu		28 Sat		28 Tue		28 Thu		28 Sun	
29 Tue		29 Fri		29 Sun		29 Wed	St Peter & St Paul	29 Fri		29 Mon	
30 Wed		30 Sat		30 Mon		30 Thu		30 Sat		30 Tue	
31 Thu				31 Tue	Mary visit to Elizabeth			31 Sun		31 Wed	