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¶ Authorization

Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England comprises

- ¶ services and prayers from *The Book of Common Prayer*;
- ¶ alternative services and other material authorized for use until further resolution of the General Synod;
- ¶ services which comply with the provisions of *A Service of the Word*;
- ¶ material commended by the House of Bishops; and
- ¶ material, the use of which falls within the discretion allowed to the minister under the provisions of Canon B 5.

For details, see page 815.

Canon B 3 provides that decisions as to which of the authorized services are to be used (other than occasional offices) shall be taken jointly by the incumbent and the parochial church council. In the case of occasional offices (other than Confirmation and Ordination), the decision is to be made by the minister conducting the service, subject to the right of any of the persons concerned to object beforehand to the form of service proposed.

Preface

The publication of *Common Worship* is an occasion of great significance in the life of the Church of England, because the worship of God is central to the life of his Church.

The forms of worship authorized in the Church of England express our faith and help to create our identity. The Declaration of Assent is placed at the beginning of this volume to remind us of this. When ministers make the Declaration, they affirm their loyalty to the Church of England's inheritance of faith and accept their share in the responsibility to proclaim the faith 'afresh in each generation'.

Common Worship draws together the rich inheritance of the past and the very best of our contemporary forms of worship. In this volume we bring together the services of *The Book of Common Prayer* as they are used today and newer liturgies in both traditional and contemporary style. *The Book of Common Prayer* remains the permanently authorized provision for public worship in the Church of England, whereas the newer liturgies are authorized until further resolution of the General Synod. This combination of old and new provides for the diverse worshipping needs of our communities, within an ordered structure which affirms our essential unity and common life.

The services provided here are rich and varied. This reflects the multiplicity of contexts in which worship is offered today. They encourage an imaginative engagement in worship, opening the way for people in the varied circumstances of their lives to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ in the life and power of the Holy Spirit. In the worship of God the full meaning and beauty of our humanity is consummated and our lives are opened to the promise God makes for all creation – to transform and renew it in love and goodness.

The publication of these services is a challenge to us. It is a challenge to worship God better and to take the greatest care in preparing and celebrating worship. It is a challenge to draw the whole community of the people we serve into the worship of God. Central to our worship is the proclamation of the one, perfect self-offering of the Son to the Father. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is at the heart of *Common Worship*.

Those who make the Declaration of Assent are charged with bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in their care. Worship not only strengthens Christians for witness and service, but is itself a forum in which Christ is made known. Worship is for the whole people of God, who are fellow pilgrims on a journey of faith, and those who attend services are all at different stages of that journey. Indeed, worship itself is a pilgrimage – a journey into the heart of the love of God. A number of the services themselves – particularly that of Holy Baptism – are celebrated in stages. In each case the journey through the liturgy has a clear structure with signposts for those less familiar with the way. It moves from the gathering of the community through the Liturgy of the Word to an opportunity of transformation, sacramental or non-sacramental, after which those present are sent out to put their faith into practice.

Common Worship is marked by diversity, not only in its content and in those who will use it, but also in the manner of its publication. It is not a single book. This volume contains all that is needed for worship on Sundays and on Principal Feasts and Holy Days; the *Common Worship* Initiation Services, Pastoral Services, Daily Office book and seasonal material are being published separately. Moreover, these volumes are not published solely in book form. *Common Worship* is not a series of books, but a collection of services and other liturgical material published on the World Wide Web and through other electronic media as well as in print.

Just as *Common Worship* is more than a book, so worship is more than what is said; it is also what is done and how it is done. *Common Worship* provides texts, contemporary as well as traditional, which are resonant and memorable, so that they will enter and remain in the Church of England's corporate memory – especially if they are sung. It is when the framework of worship is clear and familiar and the texts are known by heart that the poetry of praise and the passion of prayer can transcend the printed word. Then worship can take wing and become the living sacrifice of ourselves to the God whose majesty is beyond compare and whose truth is from everlasting.

¶ The Declaration of Assent

The Declaration of Assent is made by deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment (Canon C 15). Readers and Lay Workers make the declaration, without the words 'and administration of the sacraments', when they are admitted and when they are licensed (Canons E 5, E 6 and E 8).

Preface

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

Declaration of Assent

I, A B, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

The Calendar

For Rules to Order the Christian Year, see page 526.

In the printing of the Calendar, Principal Feasts and other Principal Holy Days are printed in **bold**; Festivals are printed in **roman** typeface; other Sundays and Lesser Festivals are printed in ordinary roman typeface, in black. Commemorations are printed in *italics*.

Advent

The First Sunday of Advent
The Second Sunday of Advent
The Third Sunday of Advent
From 17 December (O Sapientia)
begin the eight days of prayer before Christmas Day
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve

Christmas

Christmas Day – 25 December
The First Sunday of Christmas
The Second Sunday of Christmas

The days after Christmas Day until the Epiphany traditionally form a unity of days of special thanksgiving.

Epiphany

The Epiphany – 6 January
The Baptism of Christ – *The First Sunday of Epiphany*
The Second Sunday of Epiphany
The Third Sunday of Epiphany
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
– 2 February

Ordinary Time

This begins on the day following the Presentation
The Fifth Sunday before Lent
The Fourth Sunday before Lent
The Third Sunday before Lent
The Second Sunday before Lent
The Sunday next before Lent

Lent

Ash Wednesday
The First Sunday of Lent
The Second Sunday of Lent
The Third Sunday of Lent
The Fourth Sunday of Lent – *Mothering Sunday*
The Fifth Sunday of Lent (*Passiontide begins*)
Palm Sunday
Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday of Holy Week
Maunder Thursday
Good Friday
Easter Eve

Easter

Easter Day
Monday of Easter Week
Tuesday of Easter Week
Wednesday of Easter Week
Thursday of Easter Week
Friday of Easter Week
Saturday of Easter Week
The Second Sunday of Easter
The Third Sunday of Easter
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Ascension Day
From Friday after Ascension Day
begin the nine days of prayer before Pentecost
The Seventh Sunday of Easter – *Sunday after Ascension Day*
Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Ordinary Time

This is resumed on the Monday following the Day of Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

The Thursday after Trinity Sunday may be observed as

*The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion
(Corpus Christi)*

The First Sunday after Trinity
The Second Sunday after Trinity
The Third Sunday after Trinity
The Fourth Sunday after Trinity
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
The Last Sunday after Trinity

Dedication Festival – *The First Sunday in October or The Last Sunday
after Trinity, if date unknown*

All Saints' Day – *1 November*

*The Sunday between 30 October and 5 November
may be kept as All Saints' Sunday or as:*

The Fourth Sunday before Advent
The Third Sunday before Advent
The Second Sunday before Advent

Christ the King – *The Sunday next before Advent*

¶ Holy Days

For the key to the typography, see page 1.

January

1 The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

**2 Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops,
Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389**

2 Seraphim, Monk of Sarov, Spiritual Guide, 1833

2 Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, Bishop in South India, Evangelist, 1945

6 The Epiphany

10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645

11 Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915

12 Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

12 Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689

13 Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367

13 Kentigern (Mungo), Missionary Bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603

13 George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), 1691

17 Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356

17 Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932

18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

19 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

20 Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349

21 Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304

22 Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, first Martyr of Spain, 304

24 Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622

25 The Conversion of Paul

26 Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

30 Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

31 John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888

February

- 1 *Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525*
- 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**
- 3 Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg,
Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865**
- 4 *Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189*
- 6 *The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*
- 10 *Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543*
- 14 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885**
- 14 *Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269*
- 15 *Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045*
- 15 *Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730*
- 17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977**
- 23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155**
- 27 George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633**

Alternative dates

Matthias may be celebrated on 24 February instead of 14 May.

March

- 1 **David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601**
- 2 **Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672**
- 7 **Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203**
- 8 **Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910**
- 8 *Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647*
- 8 *Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929*
- 17 **Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460**
- 18 *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386*
- 19 Joseph of Nazareth**
- 20 **Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687**
- 21 **Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury,
Reformation Martyr, 1556**
- 24 *Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396*
- 24 *Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980*
- 25 The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 26 *Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883*
- 31 *John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631*

Alternative dates

Chad may be celebrated with Cedd on 26 October instead of 2 March.

Cuthbert may be celebrated on 4 September instead of 20 March.

April

- 1 *Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872*
9 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945*
10 William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761
10 *William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1347*
11 *George Augustus Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand, 1878*
16 *Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923*
19 Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012
21 Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109
23 George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304
24 *Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624*
25 Mark the Evangelist
27 *Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894*
28 *Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841*
29 Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380
30 *Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922*

May

- 1 Philip and James, Apostles**
2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373
4 English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era
8 Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417
14 Matthias the Apostle
16 *Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877*
19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988
20 Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804
21 *Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330*
24 John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788
25 The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735
25 *Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709*
26 Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605
26 *John Calvin, Reformer, 1564*
26 *Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595*
28 *Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089*
30 Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906
30 *Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431*
30 *Apolo Kivebulaya, Priest, Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933*
31 The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Alternative dates

Matthias may be celebrated on 24 February instead of 14 May.

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth may be celebrated on 2 July instead of 31 May.

June

- 1 **Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165**
3 *The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886 and 1978*
4 *Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century*
5 **Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754**
6 *Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945*
8 **Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711**
9 **Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597**
9 *Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher of the Faith, 373*
11 **Barnabas the Apostle**
14 *Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691*
15 *Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941*
16 **Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253**
16 *Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, Philosopher, 1752*
17 *Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936*
18 *Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896*
19 *Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher of the Faith, 1929*
22 **Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250**
23 **Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678**
24 **The Birth of John the Baptist**
27 *Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444*
28 **Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200**
29 **Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Alternative dates

Peter the Apostle may be celebrated alone, without Paul, on 29 June.

July

- 1 *Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873*
3 **Thomas the Apostle**
6 *Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535*
11 **Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550**
14 **John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866**
15 **Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862**
15 *Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1274*
16 *Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099*
18 *Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883*
19 **Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379**
20 *Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century*
20 *Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566*
22 **Mary Magdalene**
23 *Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373*
25 **James the Apostle**
26 **Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
27 *Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901*
29 **Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord**
30 **William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833**
31 *Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556*

Alternative dates

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth may be celebrated on 2 July instead of 31 May.

Thomas the Apostle may be celebrated on 21 December instead of 3 July.

Thomas Becket may be celebrated on 7 July instead of 29 December.

August

- 4 *Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859*
5 **Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642**
6 **The Transfiguration of our Lord**
7 *John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866*
8 **Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221**
9 **Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921**
10 **Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258**
11 **Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253**
11 *John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890*
13 **Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667**
13 *Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910*
13 *Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912*
14 *Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941*
15 **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
20 **Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153**
20 *William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890*
24 **Bartholomew the Apostle**
27 **Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387**
28 **Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430**
29 **The Beheading of John the Baptist**
30 **John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688**
31 **Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651**

Alternative dates

The Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated on 8 September instead of 15 August.

September

- 1 *Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710*
2 *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942*
3 **Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604**
4 *Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650*
6 *Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851*
8 **The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9 *Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880*
13 **John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407**
14 **Holy Cross Day**
15 **Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258**
16 **Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432**
16 *Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882*
17 **Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179**
19 *Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690*
20 **John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871**
21 **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
25 **Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626**
25 *Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392*
26 *Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942*
27 **Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660**
29 **Michael and All Angels**
30 *Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420*

Alternative dates

Cuthbert may be celebrated on 4 September instead of 20 March.

October

- 1 *Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533*
1 *Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885*
4 **Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226**
6 **William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536**
9 *Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250*
9 *Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253*
10 **Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644**
10 *Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674*
11 *Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675*
11 *James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century*
12 **Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709**
12 *Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845*
12 *Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915*
13 **Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066**
15 **Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582**
16 *Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555*
17 **Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c. 107**
18 **Luke the Evangelist**
19 **Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812**
25 *Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, c.287*
26 **Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899**
26 *Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664*
28 **Simon and Jude, Apostles**
29 **James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885**
31 *Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546*

Alternative dates

Chad may be celebrated with Cedd on 26 October instead of 2 March.

November

- 1 **All Saints' Day**
2 **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**
3 **Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600**
3 *Martin of Porres, Friar, 1639*
6 *Leonard, Hermit, 6th century*
6 *William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944*
7 **Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739**
8 **The Saints and Martyrs of England**
9 *Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440*
10 **Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461**
11 **Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397**
13 **Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836**
14 *Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796*
16 **Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093**
16 *Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240*
17 **Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200**
18 **Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231**
19 **Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680**
19 *Mechtild, Béguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280*
20 **Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870**
20 *Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876*
22 *Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230*
23 **Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100**
25 *Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century*
25 *Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748*
29 **Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church**
30 **Andrew the Apostle**

December

- 1 *Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916*
 3 *Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552*
 4 *John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749*
 4 *Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637*
 6 **Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326**
 7 **Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397**
 8 **The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 13 **Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304**
 13 *Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784*
 14 **John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591**
 17 **O Sapientia**
 17 *Eglantine Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save The Children', 1928*
 24 **Christmas Eve**
 25 **Christmas Day**
 26 **Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr**
 27 **John, Apostle and Evangelist**
 28 **The Holy Innocents**
 29 **Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170**
 31 *John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384*

Alternative dates

Thomas the Apostle may be celebrated on 21 December instead of 3 July.

Thomas Becket may be celebrated on 7 July instead of 29 December.

¶ The Date of Easter and Other Variable Dates

For the lectionary years, see page 538.

Year	Ash Wednesday	Easter Day	Ascension Day	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	First Sunday of Advent
2001	28 February	15 April	24 May	3 June	2 December
2002	13 February	31 March	9 May	19 May	1 December
2003	5 March	20 April	29 May	8 June	30 November
2004	25 February	11 April	20 May	30 May	28 November
2005	9 February	27 March	5 May	15 May	27 November
2006	1 March	16 April	25 May	4 June	3 December
2007	21 February	8 April	17 May	27 May	2 December
2008	6 February	23 March	1 May	11 May	30 November
2009	25 February	12 April	21 May	31 May	29 November
2010	17 February	4 April	13 May	23 May	28 November
2011	9 March	24 April	2 June	12 June	27 November
2012	22 February	8 April	17 May	27 May	2 December
2013	13 February	31 March	9 May	19 May	1 December
2014	5 March	20 April	29 May	8 June	30 November
2015	18 February	5 April	14 May	24 May	29 November
2016	10 February	27 March	5 May	15 May	27 November
2017	1 March	16 April	25 May	4 June	3 December
2018	14 February	1 April	10 May	20 May	2 December
2019	6 March	21 April	30 May	9 June	1 December
2020	26 February	12 April	21 May	31 May	29 November
2021	17 February	4 April	13 May	23 May	28 November
2022	2 March	17 April	26 May	5 June	27 November
2023	22 February	9 April	18 May	28 May	3 December
2024	14 February	31 March	9 May	19 May	1 December
2025	5 March	20 April	29 May	8 June	30 November
2026	18 February	5 April	14 May	24 May	29 November
2027	10 February	28 March	6 May	16 May	28 November
2028	1 March	16 April	25 May	4 June	3 December
2029	14 February	1 April	10 May	20 May	2 December
2030	6 March	21 April	30 May	9 June	1 December