

The Christian Community

Movement for Religious Renewal

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Advent Twilight by Ingrid Skodbo

Twisted shivering branches
Waiting, wind swept.
Inch by inch, day by day
Light fades ever earlier,
Inviting deep silence.
Glowing shimmering Eastern stars
Herald new light, new hope
This Advent.

Acrostic poem by Kevin Street

Advent 2025

Saturday 6th December

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Play rehearsal**

Tuesday 16th December 6.30pm **Shepherds Play** at Trinity Farm

Friday 19th December 7pm **Shepherds Play** in Bakersfield Community Centre

Saturday 20th December 3pm **Shepherds Play** St. Lawrence in Heanor

Sunday 21st December

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Reading of Dicken's Christmas Carol**

Christmas

Wednesday 24th December

18.00 **Christmas Eve Gathering**

Thursday 25th December

10.00 **Devotional Gathering**

Sunday 28th December

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Seven, the number of becoming**

Talk by *Erhard Keller*

2026

Sunday 4th January

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **The spiritual side of D.H. Laurence**

Talk by *Daniel Bryant*

Epiphany

Sunday 11th January

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **The Reading of the Three Kings Play**

Saturday 24th January

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Four times Seven, the structure of the book of Revelation**

Talk by *Erhard Keller*

Trinity

Sunday 8th February

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Opening the Archive of the Soul: *Saving Ernest*: a new book on life after death, following the real lives and afterlives within one family**

Presented by *Wendy Teall*

Saturday 21st February

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Biography**

from *Julia Gibbson*

Passion Tide

Sunday 8th of March

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **The old and the New Jerusalem; how to we build the New Jerusalem, city of peace?**

Conversation led by *Erhard Keller*

Saturday 21st of March

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Open conversation on the meaning of suffering**

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The Christian Community is a worldwide movement which has been endeavouring to renew religion through a deeper spiritual understanding of the super-sensible and the sense-perceptible world for the last 100 years. In England it was founded in 1929.

At the centre of our congregational life is the communion service called The Act of Consecration of Man. It is in its structure like the traditional mass with the four parts:

Gospel Reading, Offertory, Transubstantiation and Communion

The wording is very different, retaining the depth of the traditional mass whilst rendering it appropriate for modern people.

The Christian Community tries not to have dogmas, respecting the freedom of the spiritual seeking individual and encouraging each member to walk their own path of exploration and find their own truth to build their life on.

Everyone is welcome to join the service and also take communion if they feel it is right for them. The communion is given in the form of consecrated bread, consecrated grape juice, and a peace blessing.

The Christian Community offers Seven Sacraments:
Baptism, Confirmation, Sacramental Consultation, The Act of Consecration of Man, Last Anointing, Ordination and Marriage.

For more information see our website:

www.thechristiancommunity.co.uk

or the American website

www.thechristiancommunity.org