

The Christian Community

Movement for Religious Renewal

Devon

Programme for

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany

2025-2026

Raphael (1483-1520)
Raffaello Sanzio
Christ's Charge to Peter
(1515-1516) *John 21*



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Dear friends of The Christian Community,

As once the Divine Love and Light descended to us on earth and was received in a child, so we can receive the Being of Love and the Star of Grace in our hearts every time we celebrate the birthday of that special child during the Christmas Days and Nights.

In preparation for this event and extraordinary time of year we can practise to find the still point in the storm during Advent, when the Light is coming towards us, working its way through the clouds and upheavals of life, letting us behold the colours of the rainbow in between as a sign of hope and promise of bringing together the heavenly and earthly world in peace.

**We can carry the light of this special time into the whole year and become co-workers with Christ,
‘weaving anew the garment of humanity’.**

**‘Come, Child, into our hearts
and still the storm,
which selfish wishes started there;**

**weave anew the garment of humanity
out of your light, your life and
the fire of your Love.’**

Advent

November 2025

Sunday 30 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>Study of the Little Apocalypse</i> Lk21

December 2025

Wednesday 3 rd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
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Sunday 7 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Service for Children (as of age 7) preceded by a gathering in the library

Sunday 14 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>Biography Sharing:</i> Renate Edmonds

Sunday 21 st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>Preparing for Christmas</i> All hands on board

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24 th	4.00pm	Gathering around the Tree for families and friends and everyone wishing to join us for story and carol singing <i>Bring your lantern with a candle for the angel to light</i>
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Christmas

Thursday 25th

Christmas Day

24.00	Midnight Service
8.00	Christmas Morning Service
10.00	Christmas Day Service
11.15	<i>Special Service for Children</i>

Sunday 28th

10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30	<i>John 21: Christ's Charge to Peter</i> Gospel study with Rory Valentine regarding Raphael's painting

Tuesday 30th

10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30	<i>Christ's Charge to Peter</i> <i>Exploring Raphael's painting</i> aided by high-definition projected slides with Rory Valentine

2026

January

Thursday 1st

10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30	<i>Liane Collot D'Herbois and her</i> <i>paintings</i> — Observation and Talk by Christopher Cooper

Sunday 4th

10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man <i>Preparing for Epiphany</i> All hands on board
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Epiphany

Tuesday 6th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 11th	10.00 11.30	The Act of Consecration of Man <i>Contemplation of Epiphany:</i> <i>The Light of the Christ-Star in us</i>
Sunday 18th	10.00 11.15 11.45	The Act of Consecration of Man Service for Children (as of age 7) <i>Celebration of Three Kings with Play</i>
<i>Saturday 24th</i>	tbc	Music for the Sacraments Workshop with Susanne Steffen, Stroud
Sunday 25th	10.00 11.30	The Act of Consecration of Man <i>The Healing of a Leper</i> Study of Matthew 8, 1-4

February 2026

Sunday 1st	10.00 11.30	The Act of Consecration of Man <i>Council Meeting</i>
Wednesday 4th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

Trinity

Sunday 8 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>The Healing of the Woman and Raising of Jairus' Daughter</i> Study of Luke 8, 40-56
Sunday 15 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Service for Children (as of age 7) preceded by a gathering in the library
Sunday 22 nd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>The Healing of the Blind Man</i> Study of John 9

March 2026

Sunday 1 st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>Healing of One possessed by a Demon</i> Study of Mark 1: 21-28

Gospel readings for this period

Advent

Sunday, Nov 30th& December 7, 14, 21	...	Luke 21:25-36
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Christmas

Thursday, December 25 Dawn Morning	Midnight	Matthew 1: 1-25 Luke 2:1-20 John 21:15-25
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Sunday, December 28		John 21:15-25
Tuesday, December 30		“
Thursday, January 1		John1:1-18
Sunday, January 4		“

Epiphany

Tuesday, January 6		Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 11	...	“
Sunday, January 18	...	Luke 2:41-52
Sunday, January 25		John 2:1-11
Sunday, February 1		Matthew 8:1-4

Trinity

Sunday, February 8		Luke 8: 40-56
Sunday, February15		Luke 8:1-18
Sunday, February 22		Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, March 1		Matthew17:1-13

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