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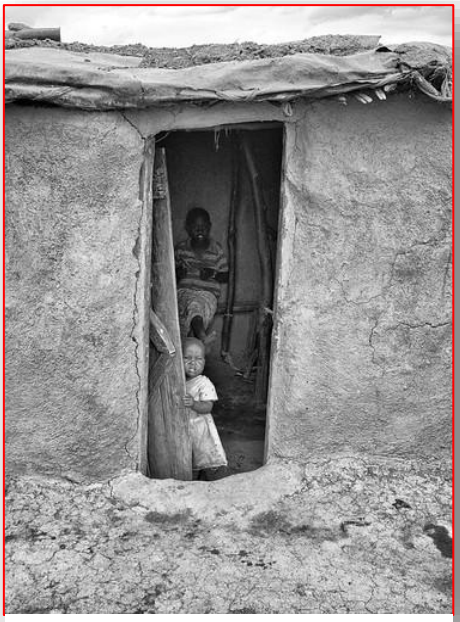
Movement for Religious Renewal

Devon

Programme for

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany

2026-2027



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November 2026

Dear friends of The Christian Community,

With Advent a new year is beginning.
The New, the birth of Christmas is coming towards us.
How shall we meet this?

We could try like the shepherds to listen to the *Word*
they perceived from the realm of the angels
in awe and wonder, before bringing their gifts to this child
and receiving its blessings.

We could travel like the kings *in search* of the child
until *finding* the light of the star shining over it,
then *offering* our kingdoms to receive this new one.

Each one of us will seek and find our own way
to the stable or house or hearth.

During this Christmas time
we will be contemplating where we call home and
look forward to travel reports from Caroline and Gordon
to areas in the world where people live a nomadic life.

May our houses and hearts shine
into the darkness of the world,
guided by the Star of Grace.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmastide,
Sabine

Advent

November 2026

Saturday 28th	10.00-12 Work Morning to prepare for Advent	
Sunday 29th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	*Advent Contemplation:*
		The Word speaks: 'Become'

December 2026

Sunday 6th	9.00	Service for Children (as of age 7)
		preceded by a story & gathering in the library
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	*The Act of Consecration:*
		Hearing the Word (Gospel)
Wednesday 9th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 13th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	*The three Christmas Services:*
		Past, Present and Future
Sunday 20th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	*Preparing for Christmas*
		All hands on board

Christmas Eve

Thursday 24th	16.00	**Gathering around the Tree** **for families and friends and everyone wishing to join us for story and carol singing** ***Bring your lantern with a candle for the angel to light***

Christmas

Friday 25th *Christmas Day*

24.00	Midnight Service
8.00	Christmas Morning Service
10.00	Christmas Day Service
11.15	*Special Service for Children*

Sunday 27th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	***Where do we call home?*** ***Pictures and Tales from nomadic cultures*** with Caroline and Gordon Clarke

Wednesday 30th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	***Where do we call home?*** ***Contemplation*** with Caroline and Gordon Clarke

2027

January

Friday 1st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	*Gathering around the Tree*
		Sharing hopes for the New Year
Sunday 3rd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	***The Nativity by Botticelli***
		Slides and Talk with Rory and Christopher
Tuesday 5th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	***Celebrating Maggie Skeet's 90th Birthday***
	Preparing for Epiphany	**All hands on board**

Epiphany

Wednesday 6th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 10th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	*Contemplation of Epiphany:*
		Finding the guide on the way …
Sunday 17th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Service for Children (as of age 7)
	11.45	***Celebration of Three Kings with Play***
Sunday 24th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	***The Act of Consecration: Offering***
Sunday 31st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

Trinity

February 2027

Sunday 7th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	*Council Meeting*
Wednesday 10th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 14th	9.00	Service for Children (as of age 7) preceded by story in the library
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 21st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	*Annual Congregation Meeting with Review of Events and Presentation of the Accounts 2026 as well as the Budget for 2027*
		Bring and Share Meal afterwards Or Prepared Lunch for Fundraising
		(see email closer to the time)

Gospel readings for this period

Advent		
Sunday, Nov 29th&	…	Luke 21:25-36
December 6, 13, 20		
Christmas		
Friday, December 25	Midnight	Matthew 1: 1-25
Dawn		Luke 2:1-20
Morning		John 21:15-25
Sunday, December 27		John 21:15-25
Wednesday, December 30		“
Friday, January 1		John1:1-18
Sunday, January 3		“
Sunday, January 5		Ephesians 1:3-14
Epiphany		
Wednesday, January 6		Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 10	…	“
Sunday, January 17	…	Luke 2:41-52
Sunday, January 24		John 2:1-11
Sunday, January 31		Matthew 20:1-16
Trinity		
Sunday, February 7		Luke 8: 40-56
Sunday, February14		Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, February 21		Matthew17:1-9

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