The Christian Community

movement for religious renewal

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Christmas 2019 – Passiontide 2020

The Act of Consecration of Man

Sundays	**10.00 am**	
Tuesdays	**7.30 am**	***10.00 am** on 31st Dec*
		No Services on 11th Feb, 24th Mar, 31st Mar
Thursdays	**10.00 am**	***10.30 am** on 30th Jan*
		No Service on 26th Mar
Saturdays	**9.00 am**	*Third Saturday of the month in German*
		No Services on 11th, 18th & 25th Jan,
		or 1st & 8th Feb, or 28th Mar

Children's Services

Sundays	**9.00 am**	**for 9.15 am**
		Christmas Day:
		Special Children's Service 9.45 for 10.00 am

See the Programme below for details of Services for Christmas and the Holy Nights

REGULAR EVENTS

Bristol Services

Sat:	Act of Consecration 10.00 am	18th Jan, 15th Feb, 14th Mar
Sun:	Children's Service 9.00 am &) Act of Consecration 10.00 am)	(Thurs 26th Dec, 5th Jan, (2nd Feb, 1st Mar

Carrying Group	Mon 7.30 pm	Wed 8th Jan, 3rd Feb, 2nd Mar
Choir for Festivals	Fri 6.30-7.15 pm	contact Susanne Steffen *(tel. 758973)*
Community Support Group	Wed 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm	15th Jan, 12th Feb, 11th Mar, 15th Apr
Confirmation Lessons	Tues 4.30 – 5.45pm	Contact Selina
Cultural Group	Tues/Wed 4.30 pm	22nd Jan, 25th Feb, 18th Mar
Current Affairs	Thurs 7.30 – 9.00 pm	13th Feb, 27th Feb, 12th Mar
Finance Group	Fri 8.30 am	24th Jan
Garden Day	Sat 10.00 am - 3.00 pm	To be announced
Gathering for the Dead	Sat 5.00 pm	Last Saturday of every month 28th Dec, 25th Jan, 29th Feb
Members' Meeting	Wed 7.30 pm	18th Mar
Gospel Study	Thurs 11.15 am	not until 13th Feb or when Andrew Welburn visits
Religion Lessons for children 7+ years	Mon 4.15 pm to 5.45 pm	Contact Selina
Understanding the Sacraments Group	Wed 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm	29th Jan, 4th Mar, 8th Apr

PROGRAMME OF SPECIAL EVENTS

December

CHRISTMAS & THE HOLY NIGHTS

Tues 24th **Christmas Eve**	9.00 am	Preparing the community spaces for Christmas
	3.30 pm	**Christmas Eve Family Celebration** Lighting the Candles on the Christmas Tree Story, Carols & Readings *Please bring a lantern to carry home the Christmas light*
	from 11.00pm	*Sitting quietly at the Christmas Tree before the Midnight Service – for all who wish*
	Midnight	Midnight Service
Wed 25th **Christmas Day**	8.00 am	Dawn Service
	10.00 am	Special Christmas Service for the Children *followed by carols at the tree*
	11.00 am	Morning Service *followed by Christmas lunch for those who have booked*

Theme for the Holy Nights: ***'Centre and Periphery'***

Thurs 26th	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
Fri 27th	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15 am	***'Madonna and Child as heart chakra'*** Talk by Aaron Mirkin
Sat 28th	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15 am	***Madonna and Child picture series with lyre*** Aaron Mirkin and Selina Horn
	5.00 pm	Gathering for the Dead and the Unborn

December (continued)

Sun 29th	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30 am	***'At the Turning Point of Time'*** 4th part of the *Foundation Stone Meditation* in eurythmy for all, led by Gale Ramm
	5.00 pm	**The Legend of St Bride of the Isles** *A dramatic reading of this special story with Sibylle Eichstaedt & members of the community, and Hebridean songs with Susanne Steffen and Ingrid Skodbo (voice and bells)*
Mon 30th	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15 am	***'The Planets and Constellations for 2020'*** Presentation by the *Star Group*
Tues 31st	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	5.00 pm	**New Year's Eve** with Close of Day and address ***'Discovering Grace'*** followed by Bring & Share Supper, Carols, Lead Pouring *Bring a poem, very short story or thought to share*

January 2020

Wed 1st	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
Thurs 2nd	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15 am	***'In the beginning was the Logos'*** Talk by Sibylle Eichstaedt
Fri 3rd	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15 am	***'Centre and Periphery' Part 1*** Projective Geometry with Simon Charter
Sat 4th	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15 am	***'Centre and Periphery' Part 2*** Projective Geometry with Simon Charter
Sun 5th	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30 am	***'I am King of my own Soul' –*** *(I think speech and the subsidiary exercises)* Talk by Aaron Mirkin
	12.30 pm	*Clearing & cleaning for Epiphany*

January (continued)

EPIPHANY

Mon 6th	10.00 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30 am	**The Dreamsong of Olaf Åsteson** *Community singing led by Susanne Steffen*
Sat 11th		*No Service*
Sun 12th	11.30 am	***'An Emerging School in Public Speaking'*** Talk by Jane Brewer, *illustrated through art by David Newbatt and others*
Thurs 16th	10.30 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	11.45 am	***Andrew Welburn*** shares his research
Sat 18th		*No Service*
Sun 19th	11.30 am	*No talk*
Sat 25th		*No Service*
Sun 26th	11.30 am	***'Bridges between Life and Death'*** Talk by Zambodhi Schlossmacher

February

Sat 1st		*No Service*
Sun 2nd		*Visiting priest: Carmel Iveson*
	11.30 am	*No talk*
Sat 8th		*No Service*
Sun 9th	11.30 am	***Servers' Meeting*** Led by Selina Horn
	7.30 pm	***'From Darkness to Light'*** Fundraising Concert by Stroud Canal Choir conducted by Hugh Barton
Tues 11th		*No Service*
Sun 16th	11.30 am	***'The Spiritual World-view of Capricorn'*** by Graham Rickett & others
Sun 23rd	11.30 am	***'The story of CocoCaravan Stroud chocolates'*** Talk by Jacques Cop

February (continued)

Thurs 27th	10.30 am	Act of Consecration of Man
	11.45 am	***Andrew Welburn*** shares his research

March

Sun 1st	11.30 am	***'Introduction to the Manichaean path'*** Talk by Christine Gruvez
Sun 8th	11.30 am	***'Judas'*** Talk by Britta Edwards

PASSIONTIDE

Sun 15th	11.30 am	***'The Antichrist' by Soloviev*** A reading
Wed 18th	7.30 pm	Members' Meeting
Sun 22nd	11.30 am	***'The Antichrist' by Soloviev*** Conversation introduced by Aaron Mirkin
Tues 24th		*No Service*
Thurs 26th		*No Service*
Sat 28th		*No Service*
Sun 29th		*Visiting priest: Roger Druitt*
	11.30 am	***'Finding Light in the Dark'*** Talk by Roger Druitt

Priest absences

7th Jan – 11th Feb	Aaron	*Holiday*
10th – 29th February	Selina	*Further training & holiday*
24th March – 4th April	Selina & Aaron	*International Synod, USA*

Forthcoming events

26th April	Confirmation
9th May	Spring Fair

Readings

Christmas and the Holy Nights	
Wed, Dec 25	
Midnight	Matthew 1 1–25
Dawn	Luke 2 1–20
Morning	John 21 15–25
Thurs, Dec 26	1 John 4 7-16
Wed, Jan 1 2020	John 1 1-18

Epiphany	
Monday, Jan 6	Matthew 2 1–12
Sunday, Jan 12	Matthew 2 1–12
Sunday, Jan 19	Luke 2 41–52
Sunday, Jan 26	John 2 1–11
Sunday, Feb 2	Matthew 8 1-13
Sunday, Feb 9	Matthew 20 1–16
Sunday, Feb 16	Luke 8 1-18
Sunday, Feb 23	Luke 18 18-34
Sunday, Mar 1	Matthew 4 1-11
Sunday, Mar 8	Matthew 17 1-13

Passiontide	
Sunday, Mar 15	Luke 11 14-36
Sunday, Mar 22	John 6 1-15
Sunday, Mar 29	John 8 1-12

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Regular monthly contributions ensure a stable and reliable budget.

Bank Account

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