



The Christian Community

movement for religious renewal

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Christmas 2020 – Passiontide 2021

The Act of Consecration of Man

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| Sundays | 10.00 am | |
| Tuesdays | 7.30 am | <i>10.00am during the Holy Nights</i> |
| Thursdays | 10.00 am | 10.30 am on 28 th Jan and 11 th Mar <i>No Service on 24th Dec and 18th Feb</i> |
| Saturdays | 9.00 am | <i>10.00am during the Holy Nights</i> <i>Third Saturday of the month in German</i> <i>No Service on 20th Feb</i> |

Children's Services

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| Sundays | 9.00 am | for 9.15 am |
| Christmas | Day 9.45 am | for 10.00am <i>Special Children's Service</i> |

***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

Sun: Children's Service 9.00 am &
Act of Consecration 10.00 am

19th Dec, 26th Dec, 16th Jan, 13th
Feb, 20th Mar

3rd Jan, 31st Jan, 7th Mar

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| Carrying Group | Thu 4pm | 7 th Jan, 4 th Feb, 4 th 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 | 13 th Jan, 10 th Feb, 10 th Mar, 14 th Apr |
| Confirmation Lessons | Mon 4.45 - 6.00 pm | Aaron for details |
| Cultural Group | Wed 4.00 pm | 27 th Jan, 3 rd March |
| Current Affairs | Every 2 weeks 7.30 – 9.00 pm | From 14 th Jan at the Beacon |
| Finance Group | Fri 9.00am | 12 th Feb |
| Garden/Work Day | Sat 10.00 – 3pm | 20 th March |
| Gathering for the Dead | Sat 5.00 pm | Last Saturday of every month 26 th Dec, 30 th Jan, 27 th Feb, 27 th Mar |
| Members meeting | Wed 7.30 pm | 24 th Feb |
| Gospel Study | Thurs 11.15 am | not until 14 th Jan or when Andrew Welburn visits |
| Religion Lessons for children 7+ years | Tue 3.30 – 4.30pm | Aaron for details |

PROGRAMME OF SPECIAL EVENTS

December

CHRISTMAS & THE HOLY NIGHTS

Thurs 24th
Christmas Eve

9.00 am Preparing the community spaces for Christmas

4 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*

Fri 25th
Christmas Day

Midnight **Midnight Service (*pre-booking necessary*)**

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

HOLY NIGHTS

Sat 26th

10.00 am Act of Consecration of Man

5.00 pm Gathering for the Dead - and the Unborn

Sun 27th

10.00 am Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 am **'At the turning point of time'** with Gale Ramm
And **Madonna and Child slides** with Aaron Lyre by Christine Hudson

Mon 28th

10.00 am Act of Consecration of Man

11.15 am **The 12 Holy Nights**
Talk by Michael Close

December (continued)

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| Mon 28th | 5.00 pm | 'The Legend of St Bride of the Isles' – presented by Sibylle Eichstaedt, Susanne Steffen and Ingrid Skodbo |
| Tue 29 th | 10.00 am | Act of Consecration of Man |
| | 11.15 am | 'Line dance of the planets 2020- 2021 in three parts' – Presentation by Ian Bailey and the Star Group |
| Wed 30 th | 10.00 am | Act of Consecration of Man |
| | 11.15 am | 'Song of St Bride' – Eurythmy framed by music from the lyre choir |
| Thurs 31 st | 10.00 am | Act of Consecration of Man |
| | 5.00 pm | New Year's Eve with Close of Day and New year's address 'The Foundation of our Humanity' By Aaron - followed by supper and then carols and poetry at the tree. |

January 2021

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| Fri 1 st | 10.00 am | Act of Consecration of Man |
| Sat 2 nd | 10.00 am | Act of Consecration of Man |
| | 11.15 am | 'Man's search for meaning' Last talk in the series by Sibylle Eichstaedt |
| Sun 3 rd | 10.00 am | Act of Consecration of Man |
| | 11.30 am | 'The Hibernian mysteries' - Talk by Aaron |
| Mon 4 th | 10.00 am | Act of Consecration of Man |
| | 11.15 am | 'Celtic Christianity – from pre-Christian spirituality to Early Christianity' Talk by Carmel Iveson |
| Tue 5 th | 10.00 am | Act of Consecration of Man |
| | 11.30 am | 'Celtic Christianity – its metamorphosis?' Talk by Carmel Iveson |

January (continued)

EPIPHANY

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| Wed 6 th | 10.00 am | Act of Consecration of Man |
| | 11.15 am | The Dreamsong of Olaf Åsteson <i>led by Susanne Steffen</i> |
| Sat 9 th | | <i>Act of Consecration at Nant-y-Cwm – Aaron Mirkin</i> |
| Sun 10 th | 11.30 am | Community Forum – Where to 2021? |
| Sun 17 th | 11.30 am | ‘What is the Offering Service?’ Talk by Michael Luxford |
| Sun 24 th | 11.30 am | ‘Sacramental Consultation and Karma’ Talk by Aaron Mirkin |
| Thu 28 th | 11.45 am | Andrew Welburn Talk (ACM at 10.30am) |
| Sun 31 st | 11.30am | ‘Sustainable Clothing’ Talk by Emmie Miles of Stroud |

February 2021

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| Sun 7 th | 11.30 am | ‘Imagine Art Studios’ Presentation by Laura Ridolfi |
| Sun 14 th | 11.30 am | ‘Priesthood for the time of the Second Coming’ Talk by Aaron Mirkin |
| Sun 21 st | 11.30 am | Visiting priest: Roger Druitt ‘Prayer’ Talk by Roger Druitt |
| Wed 24 th | 19.30pm | Member’s Meeting – Inner Priesthood Today |
| Sun 28 th | 11.30 am | ‘Barnardos Adoption agency’ Talk by Selina Steffen |

March 2021

Sun 7th 11.30 am **'Thought and Experience – Plato and Aristotle'** Talk by John Weedon

Thu 11th 11.45 am **Andrew Welburn Talk** (ACM at 10.30am)

PASSIONTIDE

Sun 14th 11.30 am **'Thus thinks in us... A Christian theory of knowledge'** Talk by Aaron

Sun 21st 11.30 am **'Death and Resurrection in Goethe's Faust'**
Talk by Sibylle Eichstaedt

HOLY WEEK

Sun 28th **Palm Sunday**
11.30 am **'The adversary powers'**
Talk by Aaron Mirkin

Priest absences

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| 15 th – 19 th March | Aaron and Carmel | <i>British Synod, London</i> |
| 18 th Feb – 6 th March | Carmel | <i>Holiday</i> |

Forthcoming events

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| 18 th April | Confirmation TBC |
| 8 th May | Spring Fair |

Readings

Christmas and the

Friday, Dec 25

Midnight

Dawn

Morning

Saturday, Dec 26

Friday, Jan 1 2021

Holy Nights

Matthew 1₁₋₂₅

Luke 2₁₋₂₀

John 2₁₅₋₂₅

John 1₁₋₁₈

John 4₇₋₁₆

Sunday, Feb 7

Sunday, Feb 14

Sunday, Feb 21

Sunday, Feb 8

Matthew 20₁₋₁₆

Luke 18₁₈₋₃₄

Matthew 4₁₋₁₁

Matthew 17₁₋₁₃

Epiphany

Wednesday, Jan 6

Sunday, Jan 10

Sunday, Jan 17

Sunday, Jan 24

Sunday, Jan 31

Matthew 2₁₋₁₂

Matthew 2₁₋₁₂

Luke 2₄₁₋₅₂

John 2₁₋₁₁

John 5₁₋₁₈

Passiontide

Sunday, Mar 7

Sunday, Mar 14

Sunday, Mar 21

Luke 11₁₄₋₃₆

John 6₁₋₁₅

John 8₁₋₁₂

The Christian Community is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions and donations of members and friends.

Regular monthly contributions ensure a stable and reliable budget.

Donations to our St Brides Hall fund can also be made into the Lloyds Account with the reference 'St Brides'.

Bank Account

Lloyds Bank, Stroud

a/c no: 00091757

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Registered Charity Number 210029

Contacts

Priests

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Community Secretary

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Care Groups

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| Carrying Group | Judy Mirkin | 01453 299311 |
| Cleaning | Clare Dowling | 07532 460817 |
| Community Support Group | Ken Watson | 01452 302066 |
| Cultural Group | Olga Yates | 01453 750767 |
| Festival Group | Aaron Mirkin | 01453 299311 |
| Finance Group | Paul Abel (Treasurer) | 01453 549402 |
| Flowers | Sandra Havneraas | 01453 299789 |
| Garden | Simon Charter | 01453 882114 |
| Health & Safety | Ted Yates | 07415 512547 |
| Music | Christopher Hudson | 01453 824246 |
| Puppet Theatre | Judy Mirkin | 01453 299311 |
| Servers | Susan v Overbeek (Sunday) | 01453 542979 |
| | Andrea Sprenger (week) | 01453 833487 |
| | Olga Yates (Children's) | 01453 750767 |
| Sunday Coffee | Gale Ramm | 01453 759492 |
| Vestments | Carol Elloway | 01453 548830 |

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