

Colours of the Christian Year

- Introduce the Seasons
- Christians have seasons in their Worship
- Each Season has a colour
- They don't change 4 times a year like the weather, they change with the pattern of Worship.
- They are shown by colour
 - Cloth on the altar
 - Pulpit
 - Priest's vestments

These are all changed to fit the Season of Worship

White

- There are some days and Seasons full of joy and light
 - White or Gold
 - Used Christmas (birth), Easter (rising from the dead), also Epiphany, Ascension, All Saints – it says rejoice!

Purple

- Thinking deeply and waiting patiently.
 - Dark and deep colour – a colour for thinking
 - Used Advent and Lent – the 2 great Seasons
- Purple says stop, be still, make time to think!

Green

- Many days and Seasons are not big celebrations, these are ordinary days.
- Green reminds us of plants and trees – a time to grow
- Gives Church members time to grow.

Red

- Red is bright and strong
- Red reminds us of a beautiful fire and also of pain and suffering
- Some days are joyful, some are sad.

The most important sad red days are in the week before Easter – Holy week. This is when we remember how Jesus was arrested and how his friends ran away and left him. Red here is suffering.

A joyful red day called the Day of Pentecost is to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit – filled the disciples with courage and joy.

White, purple, green and red – different moods and patterns of Christian Worship. Together they weave into the Seasons of the Church's year.