

To work out the dates of the seasons for any given year, start with Easter which is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the 20th March (the equinox in the year 325 A.D. was the 20th March and the first Easter was on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the equinox. This has been the formula for calculating Easter since the first Council of Nicaea.)

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SEASON DATES:

Advent: 22-28 days (4 Sundays before Christmas)

Christmas: 12 days

Epiphany: 28-34 days (4 Sundays and their full weeks plus days before the Sunday if the 6th January does not fall on a Sunday)

Trinity 1: starts on the 5th Sunday after Epiphany and ends on the Saturday before Passiontide begins.

Passiontide: 28 days (Possible dates: 22nd February - 28th March)
always exactly 4 weeks before Easter

Easter: 39 days (Possible dates: 22nd March - 25th April)

Ascension: 10 days (40 days after Easter)

Whitsuntide: 3 days

Trinity 2: starts on the Wednesday after Whitsun. Always ends on the 23rd June

St John's tide: 28-34 days. Always starts on the 24th June. (4 Sundays and their full weeks plus days before the Sunday if the 24th June does not fall on a Sunday)

Trinity 3: Always starts on the 5th Sunday after St John's Day.
Always ends on the 28th September.

Michaelmas: 28-34 days. Always starts on the 29th September. (4 Sundays and their full weeks plus days before the Sunday if the 29th September does not fall on a Sunday)

Trinity 4: Always starts on the 5th Sunday after Michaelmas. Finishes day before Advent Sunday.