

Dates December



What?

Sa	03	19:00	Young Adults
So	04	10:30	Baptism Church Service
Mi	07	19:00	Church service; with Communion
Fr	09	18:00	Royal Rangers
So	11	10:30	Church service; Afterwards, „Meet & Greet“
Fr	16	18:00	Royal Rangers
Sa	17	09:30	Men's Breakfast
So	18	10:30	Church service
Sa	24	16:00	Holy Night – Church service
So	27	10:30	Church service

Dates January



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So	01	10:30	Church service;
Mi	04	19:00	Church service; with Communion
Sa	07	19:00	Young Adults
So	08	10:30	Church service;
Fr	13	18:00	Royal Rangers
So	15	10:30	Church service
Fr	20	18:00	Royal Rangers
So	22	10:30	Church service
Fr	27	18:00	Royal Rangers
So	22	10:30	Church service

Dear Friends,

December 2022

Blessed Advent season!

Christians all over the world celebrate the four weeks leading up to Christmas. I understand that the Bible does not instruct us to celebrate Christmas, but the tradition of celebrating the birth of Jesus has a long history.

Advent means “the coming or the arrival”. So, for most believers, it is Christ’s “first arrival” that is being remembered. It is looking back to a small place in Israel called Bethlehem, also known as the City of David. It was here that God came to earth in the form of a human being. Jesus’ mother Miriam, or more commonly known as Mary, who was a virgin, became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. So, Jesus was equally God and human. Sometimes the Bible refers Him as “The Son of Man” but also as “The Son of God”. God was the Father of Jesus, and Josef took care of Jesus’ as an earthly father. Mary and Josef named the baby “Yeshua”, or we would say Joshua, but most people know Him as Jesus, which means “salvation”.

A second aspect of Advent is the looking forward to Jesus’s 2nd coming. When He comes back to the earth this time, it will be as the King of King and the Lord of Lords.

The Advent season begins 4 weeks before Christmas. The Advent wreath has four candles, and sometimes a fifth candle in the middle. Each Sunday before Christmas a new candle is lit, and on Christmas eve, the fifth candle.

The 1st candle symbolizes **hope**. It stands for the hope of Israel and for the whole world of a coming Messiah. It is also called the prophecy candle because prophets like Isaiah and Micah prophesied about the birth of our savior.

The 2nd candle symbolizes **faith**. It is through faith that we obtain the saving grace of God.

The 3rd candle is for **peace**. The Prince of Peace who will usher in peace between God and man and ultimately between all men.

The 4th candle represents **love**. For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son (John 3:16).

And the 5th candle, it is a white candle. This candle represents **Christ** who is pure and holy.

Candles are wonderful symbols of how God brings more and more light into the world. The greatest light is Jesus himself. It is He who gives light to everyone who will allow themselves to be lit up on the inside.

Burn brightly my brothers and sisters!

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Further Info:

Men's Breakfast

Sat. Dec. 17, from 9:30 AM till 3 PM "open end"

Men's Breakfast, as a place to get together, have good talks, and a tasty breakfast. We will also have a Speaker's Corner, similar to what they have in Hyde Park in London. In a practical sense, it's a crate you can stand on, and anyone who has any input for the men present can have his say there.

We request that you sign up, so we can plan. We need you to sign up by the 15th, in order for us to plan the food. Unregistered spontaneous guests are also heartily welcome.

Share in expenses per person: 10 Euros.

Baptism

Do you want to be baptized on the 04.12.? Then register yourself now.

Meet & Greet

You have a chance to get to know the church better on the 11th of December. This will take place after the church service and food will be provided. We will present the church to you and answer your questions. visitors are especially welcome.