

Happy New Year !

In this part of the world we celebrate New Year's Day on January 1st but did you know that in the church, we start a new year on the 1st day of Advent – that means that **New Year's Day in the church this year is soon...this Sunday!**

Another unusual thing about the church is **the calendar** we use to show the church year. You can see it below. Can you see where we are on it now? That's right in the 'green and growing season' just before Advent. You might notice that Advent is shown in purple? Can you see another 'purple' time in the church year? Yes, it's Lent, just before the great season of Easter. So you can see that before the 2 really big and important feasts of Christmas and Easter we have purple times. Purple is the colour we use in the church to show that we are in a time of preparation. We will have more about the preparation time of Advent as we get nearer to the 29 November!

