

Advent & Christmas 2025 – Freiburg Anglican Church

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Advent Sundays

weekly at 11:30 am

Welcome Sunday / Youth Sunday – Sun, 30th Nov (First Sunday in Advent)

Scripture Sunday – Sun, 7th Dec (Second Sunday in Advent)

Gaudete Sunday / Nesting Sunday – 14th Dec (Third Sunday in Advent)

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – Thurs, 18th Dec

Rorate Caeli – 21st Dec (Fourth Sunday in Advent)

Blue Christmas – Mon, 22nd Dec

Cookie Exchange

29th Nov, 10 am – 4 pm

at church

Drop in anytime between 10 am and 4 pm on Saturday, 29th Nov at church, and share your personal cookie favourites with old and new ACF friends. Bring pre-prepared cookie dough, cookie cutters, and a cookie tin or plastic container to join us for a day of baking and fun. All ages are welcome!



Carols by the Fire

Fri, 12th Dec, 7 pm
at church

Let's have a cozy advent evening with a bonfire, *Glühwein* (with and without alcohol), snacks, and Christmas carols! It will take place at the church on Friday, 12th December, starting at 19:00.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Thurs, 18th Dec at 8 pm
at St Ursula's Church, Rathausgasse 50, 79098 Freiburg

A beautiful service based around nine Bible readings interspersed with old & new Christmas hymns and carols sung by the ACF choir, singers of the Old Catholic Church, and the congregation.



Blue Christmas

Mon, 22nd Dec at 7 pm

A contemplative service for all who feel less festive this season and indeed all of us! Here we can hold the tears of our friends, neighbours and the world, and acknowledge their pain.

What is Blue Christmas?

[Read an article by Rev'd Vinod Victor here.](#)



Christmas Day

25th Dec at 11:30 am

at church

Christmas Service with Holy Communion

End of Year Thanksgiving Service

28th Dec at 11:30 am

at church

Worshiping together as we bid the year farewell

Christmas elsewhere

You are warmly invited to explore and join in the virtual Christmas offerings our brothers & sisters elsewhere are providing:

[Anglican Church Basel](#)

[Old Catholic Church Freiburg](#)

Digital Christmas Resources

The Joy of Christmas

The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people ...' (Luke 2.10-11)

The Church of England's Advent and Christmas theme for 2025 revolves round a single word: Joy!

The great joy of Christmas, of course, is the good news the angel declared to the shepherds – the news of Jesus' birth as Emmanuel (God With Us).

[On this page](#) you will find Advent and Christmas resources designed to help all ages to be drawn into the joy of the first Christmas.

Giving to others this Christmas

The Bishop's Advent Appeal

[Bishop Robert of Gibraltar in Europe is calling on us to support this year's Advent Appeal](#) for Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza. While headlines may be fading, the suffering continues. The hospital's medical team has treated over 190,000 outpatients and performed more than 6,000 surgeries in the past year alone, working under impossible conditions with severe shortages of medicine, supplies, and fuel for life-saving equipment.

This Advent, Bishop Robert asks us to support this work through USPG's partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem, helping ensure the hospital remains open and equipped not only for immediate crisis care but for the long years of recovery ahead. As one hospital worker reminds us: "Every donation and every prayer are an act of love. It is a message to families in Gaza that they are not forgotten."

Please prayerfully consider giving to this vital appeal.

'Wärme für Freiburg'

The campaign 'Warmth for Freiburg' that is run by the *Bahnhofsmmission* provides people living on the streets in our city with sleeping bags, thermos flasks and more. It's incredibly easy to help: Just visit [the online shop of the outdoor company adco](#), buy one or more of the items

requested by the *Bahnhofsmision* and have them posted directly to them for handing out to those in need.

[Read more about this amazing work here.](#)

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