



Abbey

A church that is or was once the home to monks or nuns.

Advent

The first season of the Church's year, focused on expectation and preparation as the Church looks forward to celebrating the birth of Christ.

Affusion

A method of baptism where water is poured on the head of the person being baptized.

Anglican

A member of the Church of England or other Anglican Church.

Anglican Communion

Global family of Anglican Churches whose links include their relationship to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Archbishop

Leading bishop with authority for a province. There are two provinces and therefore two Archbishops in England – Canterbury and York.

Archdeacon

A senior member of the clergy responsible for an area called an archdeaconry. They share the pastoral care of the clergy and do much practical, legal and administrative work.

Archdeaconry

A set area of a diocese for which an archdeacon is responsible.

Area Bishop

Full-time assistant bishop in a diocese – takes their title from a place in the diocese. Also known as Suffragan Bishop.

Ascension

Ascension is a day which marks the ascension of the risen Christ into heaven, forty days after Easter.

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