



THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

For the Church, Christmas is not just a couple of days but a Season which starts after midnight on Christmas Eve and concludes with the Feast of the Epiphany on 6th January. Part of the Season of Christmas are the post-Christmas Day Saints Days which play an important part in conveying the power of Christ's birth in the life of his followers. You are invited to observe the full Season of Christmas beyond Christmas Day, with the purpose of enriching your experience of this occasion at a spiritual level, at the following services:

BOXING DAY 26th DECEMBER

St Stephen, Deacon/First Martyr

9.30 a.m. Book of Common Prayer Said Holy Communion.

Theme - Those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ.

SATURDAY 27th DECEMBER

St John, Apostle and Evangelist

9.30 a.m. Book of Common Prayer Said Holy Communion.

Theme - The witness of John's Gospel.

MONDAY 29th DECEMBER

St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury/Martyr

9.30 a.m. Book of Common Prayer Said Holy Communion.

Theme - Courage and integrity

You may notice from the above that these post-Christmas Saints Days have a rather serious feel to them in contrast to the joy and levity of Christmas. This is because the Church wants us to understand that the coming of Jesus into the world is a transforming event which has a significant impact on the lives of others. It is an event that is not met with a universal welcome and in some cases down right hostility.