

Did You Know? An Anglican Glossary



The Pre-Lenten Season The Sundays before Easter

Septuagesima (70) Sunday
(Always the 9th Sunday before
Easter). Sexagesima (60)
Sunday, Quinquagesima (50)
Sunday. The alleluia is never
used from Septuagesima until
Easter eve.

Lent is the penitential season preparing the Church for the great feast of Easter. It is a time of personal repentance, recalling our baptismal promises. "This penitence must also be corporate and external . . . the Church, through all its members, acting together, doing penance for its own failings and for the sins of the world." ¹

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. On the night before ("Shrove Tuesday") the Lenten Array is hung. ² Passiontide begins with the fifth Sunday of Lent. Passion Sunday is the beginning of Passion Week which includes Holy Thursday (Queen Elizabeth I observed this with great ceremony), Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

¹ E.C.R. Lamburn, Ritual Notes, 1964

² See Glossary