

Sunday Themes Advent 2015- 20 November 2016

Sunday	Readings	Theme
29 November Advent	Jeremiah 33.14 - 16: Justice and righteousness 1 Thessalonians 3.9 - 13: Paul thanks God and prays for the Thessalonian Christians Luke 21.25 - 36: Parables on the last days	Living in hope/ the prophets
6 December Advent 2	Malachi 3.1 - 4: The messenger Philippians 1.3 - 11: . . .on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless Luke 3.1 - 6: John the Baptist's message of repentance	Preparing for the coming of Christ /
13 December Advent 3	Zephaniah 3.14 - 20: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion Philippians 4.4 - 7: Rejoice in the Lord Luke 3. 7 - 18: John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah	Living a righteous life / John the Baptist
20 December Advent 4	Micah 5.2 - 5a: But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah. . . Hebrews 10.5 - 10: Christ the perfect sacrifice Luke 1.39 - 45 The visit of Mary to Elizabeth	Mary / Accepting God's transforming power
24 December Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9.2 - 7: The people who walked in darkness. . . Titus 2.11 - 14: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all Luke 2.1 - 7: While shepherds watched	Christmas
25 December Christmas Day	Gospel: Luke 2.1-14 Dismissal Gospel: John 1.1-14: In the beginning was the Word	Christmas
27 December Christmas 1	Exodus 33: 7-11a 1 John 1 John 21: 19b-end	John, Apostle & Evangelist
3 January Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1 - 6: Arise, shine, your light has come Ephesians 3.1 - 12: Gentiles are fellow-heirs, members of the same body Matthew 2.1 - 12: the three wise men	Three Kings, the gifts, revelation of God to the world . . .
10 January Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ	Isaiah 43.1 - 7: I have called you by name, you are mine Acts 8.14 - 17: Peter and John visiting Samaria and baptising in the Spirit Luke 3.15 - 17, 21 - 22: the baptism of Jesus	the baptism of Jesus
17 January Epiphany 2	Isaiah 62.1 - 5: "You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord" 1 Corinthians 12.1 - 11: there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit John 2.1 - 11: the wedding at Cana in Galilee	the church as a bride
24 January The Conversion of St Paul 8.30am only	Acts 9.1-22: The conversion of Saul of Tarsus Matthew 19.27 - end The reward for giving up everything to follow Christ	St Paul
31 January Candlemas	Malachi 3: 1-5 Jesus shares the human condition Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2.22 - 40: the presentation, the song of Simeon	
7 February Sunday next before Lent	Exodus 34.29 - 35: Moses coming down with the tablets of the law and having to veil his face 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2: Christ doing away with the veil Luke 9.28 - 36: the transfiguration;	

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14 February Lent 1	Romans 10.8b - 13: everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved Luke 4.1 - 13: Jesus is tempted in the wilderness	
21 February Lent 2	Genesis 15.1 - 12, 17 - 18: God's covenant with Abraham Philippians 3.17 - 4.1: our citizenship is in heaven Luke 13.31 - 35: Jesus is warned of Herod's plans	Faith
28 February Lent 3	Isaiah 55.1 - 9: Seek the Lord 1 Corinthians 10.1 - 13: Do not desire evil Luke 13.1 - 9: repent and bear good fruit	
6 March Mothering Sunday	Special service- readings tba	Mothering Sunday
13 March Lent 5	Isaiah 43.16 - 21: I am about to do a new thing Philippians 3.4b - 14: giving up all things to gain Christ John 12.1 - 8: Mary anointing Jesus' feet with perfume	
20 March Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday service Philippians 2.5 - 11: Let that mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. . . Luke 19.28 - 40: the entry into Jerusalem	Palm Sunday
27 March Easter Day	Easter Sunday services Luke 24: 1-12	Easter
3 April Easter 2	Acts 5.27 - 32: Peter before the council Revelation 1.4 - 8: I am the Alpha and the Omega John 20.19 - 31: Doubting Thomas	
10 April Easter 3	Acts 9.1 - 6,: the conversion of Paul Revelation 5.11 - 14: Worthy is the Lamb John 21.1 - 19: Simon, feed my sheep	
17 April Easter 4	Act 9: 36 to end Revelation 7:9-end John 10: 22-30	
24 April Easter 5 St George	Acts 11.1 - 18: Peter's vision at the city of Joppa Revelation 21.1 - 6: a new heaven and a new earth John 13.31 - 35: Jesus at the last supper: love one another	a new way of living / the law of love
1 May Easter 6	Acts 16.9 - 15: Paul's call to Macedonia Revelation 21.10, 22 - 22.5: the heavenly city John 14.23 - 29: the promise of the Spirit	the guidance of the Holy Spirit
8 May Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension	Acts 16.16 - 34: Paul and Silas and the Philippian jailer Revelation 22.12 - 14, 16 - 17, 20 - 21: Surely I am coming soon. John 17.20 - 26: Jesus prayer for His disciples.	living the eternal life now
15 May Pentecost	Acts 2.1 - 21: the day of Pentecost John 14.8 - 17]: I am in the Father; the promise of the Spirit	Pentecost / the churches birthday
22 May Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8.1 - 4, 22 - 31: Holy Wisdom Romans 5.1 - 5: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God John 16.12 - 15: the Spirit will guide you into all truth	the nature of God
29 May Trinity 1	1 Kings 8: 22-23,41-43 Solomon prays at the altar Galatians 1:1-12 A call to be faithful to the gospel Luke 7: 1-10 Jesus heals the centurions servant	The power of faith

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5 June Trinity 2	1 Kings 17.17 - 24: Elijah raises the son of the widow of Zarephath Galatians 1.11 - end: the gospel Paul preaches was given by God Luke 7.11 - 17: Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain	
12 June Trinity 3 Barnabas the Apostle	Acts 11: 19 - end Galatians 2: 1-10 John 15: 12-17	
19 June Trinity 4	Isaiah 65.1 - 9: I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask Galatians 3.23 - 29: faith and the law Luke 8.26 - 39: The Gadarene swine	
26 June Trinity 5	1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-end Galatians 5.1, 13-25 Luke 9: 51-end	
3 July Trinity 6 Thomas	Habakkuk 2: 1-4 Ephesians 2: 19-end John 20: 24-29	
10 July Trinity 7	Deuteronomy 30.9 - 14: the word is very close to you. . Colossians 1.1 - 14: introduction to the letter Luke 10.25 - 37: the good Samaritan	
17 July Trinity 8	Genesis 18: 1-10a Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10; 38-end	
24 July St James	Jeremiah 45.1 - 5: I am going to break down what I have built. . . Acts 11.27 - 12.2: the death of James Matthew 20.20 - 28: John and James asking to be on either hand of Jesus	St James
31 July Trinity 10	Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12 - 14; 2.18 - 23: Vanity of vanities Colossians 3.1 - 11: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above Luke 12.13 - 21: the danger of greed	
7 August Trinity 11 Transfiguration	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1: 16-19 Luke 9; 28-39	
14 August Trinity 12	Jeremiah 23.23 - 29: speaking the word faithfully Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. . . Luke 12.49 - 56: I came to bring fire to the earth; the signs of the times	
21 August Trinity 13	Isaiah 58: 9b-end Hebrews 12: 18-end Luke 13:n 10-17	
28 August Trinity 14	Ecclesiasticus 10.12 - 18: the beginning of pride is sin Hebrews 13.1 - 8, 15 - 16: closing exhortations Luke 14.1, 7 - 14, taking the lowest place at the banquet	

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4 September Trinity 15	Deuteronomy 30.15 - 20: I have set before you life and death. . . Philemon 1 - 21: Concerning the slave Onesimus Luke 14.25 - 33: Counting the cost of following Christ	
11 September Trinity 16	Exodus 32.7 - 14: Moses persuades God not to destroy the people 1 Timothy 1.12 - 17: Jesus came into the world to save sinners Luke 15.1 - 10: rejoicing over that which was lost	
18 September Trinity 17 St Matthew	Proverbs 3: 13-18: Wisdom is better than any wealth 2 Cor. 4:1-6: Proclaiming Christ Jesus as Lord Matthew 9:9-13 Calling of St Mathew	St Mathew
25 September Trinity 18	Amos 6: 1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Luke 16: 19-end	
2 October Trinity 19 St Michael & Al angels	Genesis 28: 10-17: Jacobs Ladder Revelation 12: 7-12 Michael and hi angels fight against the dragon John 1: 47- end: Nathanael's belief	Michael and All Angels
9 October Trinity 20 Harvest	tba	
16 October Trinity 21	Genesis 32.22 - 31: Jacob wrestling at the brook Jabbok 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5: All scripture is inspired by God Luke 18.1 - 8: the parable of the unjust judge	
23 October Bible Sunday	Isaiah 45:22-end: Turn to the Lord and be saved Romans 15:1-6: The weak should bear up the strong Luke 4:16-24: Jesus reads the prophecy about himself in the synagogue	
30 October All Saints	Daniel 7.1 - 3, 15 - 18: Daniel's visions Ephesians 1.11 - 23: Christ in majesty Luke 6.20 - 31: from the beatitudes	
6 November 3 before Advent	Job 19.23 - 27a: For I know that my Redeemer liveth 2 Thessalonians 2.1 - 5, 13 - 17: the day of the Lord Luke 20.27 - 38: Jesus answering the Sadducees question	
13 November 2 before Advent Remembrance Sunday	Malachi 4.1 - 2a: that day. . . 2 Thessalonians 3.6 - 13: we all should work Luke 21.5 - 19: the last days	Remembrance
20 November Christ the King	Jeremiah 23.1 - 6: I will raise up a righteous Branch Colossians 1.11 - 20: Christ the image of the invisible God Luke 23.33 - 43: Jesus is crucified	Christ the King