

Sunday Themes Advent 2016 - 26 November 2017

Sunday	Readings	Theme
27 November Advent	Isaiah 2.1 - 5: . . . nation shall not lift sword against nation Romans 13.11 - 14: the night is far gone. . . Matthew 24.36 - 44: . . . that day . . .	Advent: Watchfulness
4 December Advent 2	Isaiah 11.1 - 10: . . . for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Romans 15.4 - 13: . . . whatever was written was written for our instruction Matthew 3.1 - 12: John the Baptist	A time of preparation: John the Baptist
11 December Advent 3	Isaiah 35.1 - 10: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad James 5.7 - 10: Be patient until the coming of the Lord Matthew 11.2 - 11: 'Are you he who is to come?'	The messenger
18 December Advent 4	Isaiah 7.10 - 16: . . . a young woman shall bear a son Romans 1.1 - 7: Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ. . . Matthew 1.18 - 24: Now the birth of Jesus took place in this way	Mary & Joseph
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 - 14: While shepherds watched	Christmas
25 December Christmas Day	Luke 2: 1-7 Dismissal Gospel: John 1.1-14: In the beginning was the Word	Christmas
1 January Christmas 2	Isaiah 63: 7-9: Praise God for his love & mercy Hebrews 2: 10-end: Christ made perfect through suffering Matthew 2: 13-end: the escape to Egypt	
8 January Epiphany Baptism of Christ	Isaiah 42.1 - 9: "Here is my servant, whom I uphold" Acts 10.34 - 43: "the one ordained by God" Matthew 3.13 - end: the baptism of Jesus	Epiphany
15 January Epiphany 2	Isaiah 42: 1-9: There is my servant, whom I uphold 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9: you are not lacking any spiritual gift John 1: 29-42: Behold the lamb of God No 10.00 am service	Week or Prayer for Christian Unity
22 January Epiphany 3	Jeremiah 9:1-4 The Lord recites the sins of the people . . . Acts 9:1-22: Road to Damascus Matthew 19:27-end: the rewards of following Christ	St Pauls Conversion
29 January Candlemas	Malachi 3.1 - 5: the messenger whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple Hebrews 2.14 - 18: Jesus sharing our nature Luke 2.22 - 40: the presentation; the song of Simeon	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
5th February 4 th Sunday before Lent	Isaiah 58:1-9a: Gods chosen people abandon His laws 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12: Pauls speaks with God's wisdom not the wisdom of the world Matthew 5: 13-20: Light and salt to the world	
12 February 3 before Lent	Deuteronomy 30: 15- end: Life comes from keeping the law 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9: Jealousy and strife as evidence of unspiritual living Matthew 5: 21-37: be at peace with one another	

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19 February 2 before Lent	Genesis 1: 1-2.3: the story of creation Romans 8: 18-25: creation groans in anticipation of the glory to come Matthew 6: 25-end: Do not be anxious about worldly things	
26 February Sunday next before Lent	Exodus 24: 12 - end 2 Peter 1: 16- end Matthew 17: 1 - 9	
1 March Ash Wednesday	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10 John 8: 1-11	
5 March Lent 1	Genesis 2.15 - 17; 3.1 - 7: the Fall in the garden of Eden Romans 5.12 - 19: death in Adam, life in Christ Matthew 4.1 - 11: the temptations	Lent
12 March Lent 2	Genesis 12.1 - 4a: the promise to Abraham Romans 4.1 - 5, 13 - 17: justification by faith John 3.1 - 17: the visit of Nicodemus	
19 March Lent 3	Exodus 17.1 - 7: God providing water in the wilderness Romans 5.1 - 11: We were reconciled to God through the death of His Son John 4.5 - 42 the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well	
26 March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	Mothering Sunday readings (or alternatives) Exodus 2.1 - 10: Moses in the bull rushes Luke 2.33 - 35: a sign which men reject	Mothering Sunday
2 April Lent 5	Ezekiel 37: 1-14: The Valley of Dry Bones Romans 8: 6-1: God's spirit is life John 11: 1-45: Death & raising of Lazarus	Passion Sunday
9 April Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday service Matthew 21: 1-11	Palm Sunday
16 April Easter Day	Matthew 28: 1-10	The Resurrection
23 April St George	1 Maccabees 2.59-64: faith and integrity save 2 Tim 2.3-13: serving as a soldier of Christ John 15:18 - 21: the world hates Christ and His followers	St Georges Day
30 April Easter 3	Acts 2.14a, 36 - 41: Peter's speech continued, Repent and be baptised Luke 24.13 - 35: the journey to Emmaus	Easter 3
7 May Easter 4	Acts 2.42 - end: the first believers 1 Peter 2.19 - end: the way of the cross John 10.1 - 10: the Good Shepherd	
14 May St Matthew	Acts 1: 15-end John 15: 9-17	St Matthew
21 May Easter 6 Rogation	Acts 17.22 - 31: Paul's speech on the Areopagus, 'to an unknown god' 1 Peter 3.13 - end: doing good John 14.15 - 21: if you love me, keep my commands	Rogation Day
25 May Ascension	Acts 1.1-11 Luke 24: 44-end	Ascension

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28 May Easter 7	Acts 1.6 - 14: the ascension 1 Peter 4.12 - 14; 5.6 - 11: keeping steadfast John 17.1 - 11: Jesus' prayer for his followers	
4 June Pentecost	Acts 2.1 - 21: the day of Pentecost John 20.19 - 23: Jesus' final resurrection appearance	Pentecost
11 June Trinity	Isaiah 40.12 - 17, 27 - end: a poem in praise of God 2 Corinthians 13.11 - end: the grace. . . Matthew 28.16 - end: the great commission	Trinity Sunday
18 June Trinity 1 Proper 6	Exodus 19: 2-8a Romans 5: 1-8: Hope in Christ Matthew 9: 35-10:8 (9-23): sending the workers out	
25 June Trinity 2 Proper 7	Jeremiah 20: 7-13 Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39: All the hairs of your head are numbered	
2 July St Thomas	Habakkuk 2: 1-4 Ephesians 2: 19-end John 20: 24-29	
9 July Trinity 4 Proper 9	Zechariah 9: 9-12 Romans 7: 15-25a Matthew 11: 16-end	
16 July Trinity 5 Proper 10	Isaiah 55: 10-13 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23: Parable of the sower	
23 July St James	St James Patronal Festival 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
30 July Trinity 7 Proper 12	1 Kings 3: 5-12: Solomon asks for wisdom Romans 8: 26-end: Nothing can separate us from God's love Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52: Parable of mustard seed & hidden treasure	
6 August Transfiguration	2 Peter 1: 16-19: Jesus is God's son Luke 9: 28-36: The Transfiguration	
13 August Trinity 9 Proper 14	1 Kings 19: 9-18: The Lord appears to Elijah Romans 10: 5-15: Faith & Law Matthew 14: 22-33: Jesus walks on water	
20 August Trinity 10 Proper 15	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8: Worship that is acceptable from all Matthew 15: 10-28: What makes a man unclean, and the faith of the Canaanite woman	

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27 August Trinity 11 Proper 16	Isaiah 51: 1-6: Justice is the Lord's Romans 12: 1-8: God's righteous judgement Matthew 16: 13-20: Peters confession of Christ	
3 September Trinity 12 Proper 17	Jeremiah 15: 15-21: Repent & the Lord will restore Romans 12: 9-end: Bless your enemy - love good hate evil Matthew 16: 21-end: Jesus predicts his death	
10 September Trinity 13 Proper 18	Ezekiel 33: 7-11: Ezekiel the watchman Romans 13: 8-end: Love is the fulfilment of the law Matthew 18: 15-20: Forgiveness	
17 September Trinity 14 Proper 19	Genesis 50: 15-21: Joseph reassures his brothers Romans 14: 1-12: Do not judge your brother Matthew 18: 21-35: The parable of the unmerciful servant	
24 September St Matthew	Proverbs 3: 13-18 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 Matthew 9: 9-13	St Matthew
1 October Trinity 16 Proper 21	Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end: The Lord judges each according to his ways Philippians 2: 1-13: Focus on all that is good Matthew 21: 23-32: The parable of the two sons	
8 October Trinity 17 Proper 22	Deuteronomy 8: 7-16: Fruitfulness of the land is God's blessing 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15: give generously Luke 17: 11-19: The thankful Leper	Harvest @ St James
15 October Trinity 18 Proper 23	Isaiah 25.1 - 9: the Lord God will wipe away tears Philippians 4.1 - 9: whatever is true, honourable, just ... think on these things Matthew 22.1 - 14: the parable of the wedding banquet	
22 October Trinity 19 Proper 24	Isaiah 45: 1-7: Reading aloud of the Law 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10: Thanksgiving for faith Matthew 22: 15-22	
29 October Bible Sunday	Nehemiah 8: 1-12: Ezra reads the Law Colossians 3: 12-17: God's chooses with compassion and love Matthew 24: 30-35: the little Apocalypse	
5 November All Saints	Revelation 7: 9-end: The great multitude in white robes 1 John 3: 1-3: We are the children of God Matthew 5: 1-12: The Beatitudes	
12 November Remembrance	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end: the coming of the Lord Matthew 25: 1-13: The parable of the two virgins	
19 November 2 before Advent	Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18: the day of the Lord is coming 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11: The day of the Lord will come when we least expect it Matthew 25: 14-30: the parable of the talents	
26 November Christ the King	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24: The Lord seeks out his sheep Ephesians 1: 15-end: Thanksgiving and prayer Matthew 25: 31-end: The sheep and the goats	