

Sunday Themes Advent 2018 - 24 November 2019

Sunday	Readings	Theme
2 December 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	Preparing for the coming of Christ Be alert and ready
9 December Advent 2	Malachi 3.1-4: The messenger Philippians 1.3-11: in praise of the Philippians Luke 3.1-6: John the Baptist's message of repentance	Living in hope/ the prophets Old Testament Prophets
16 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	John the Baptist Be joyful in the Lord
23 December Advent 4	Micah 5.2-5a: the prophecy of the Messiah coming from Bethlehem 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
30 December Christmas 1	1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26 Colossians 3. 12-17 Luke 2. 41-end	Christmas 1
6 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
13 January Epiphany 2 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
20 January Epiphany 3	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
27 January The Conversion of St Paul	Jeremiah 1. 4-10 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
3 February Candlemas	Malachi 3. 1-5 Jesus shares the human condition Hebrews 2. 14-end Luke 2.22-40: the presentation, the song of Simeon	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
10 February 4 before Lent Proper 1	Isaiah 6. 1-8: Send me 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11 Luke 5. 1-11: Calling Disciples	Following the Lord
17 February 3 before Lent Proper 2	Jeremiah 17. 5-10 1 Corinthians 15. 12-20: our resurrection hope Luke 6. 17-26: The Beatitudes	
24 February 2 before Lent	Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-end: the creation story Revelation 4 Luke 8. 22-25: the storm on the lake	Creative power of God

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3 March 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	The Transfiguration
6 March Ash Wednesday	Joel or Isaiah 2 Corinthians 5. 20b-6.10 Matthew or John	
10 March Lent 1	Deuteronomy 26. 1-11 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	Temptations of Christ
17 March 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/ Jesus love for Jerusalem	Faith
24 March 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/ parable of the fig tree	
31 March Mothering Sunday	Special service - readings tba	Mothering Sunday
7 April 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	Passiontide
14 April 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
21 April Easter Day	Easter Sunday services Luke 24. 1-12	Easter
28 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	
5 May 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	
12 May Easter 4	Act 9. 36 to end: Healing of Tabitha Revelation 7.9-end John 10. 22-30: Jesus actions speak for him	
19 May Easter 5	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
26 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
30 May Ascension Day	Acts 1. 1-11 Luke 24. 44-end: The Ascension	

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2 June 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
9 June 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
16 June 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
23 June Trinity 1 Proper 7	Isaiah 65. 1-9 Galatians 3. 23-end: Law and faith Luke 8. 26-39: Jesus heals the demonian	The power of faith
30 June Trinity 2 Proper 8	Acts 12. 1-11 Matthew 16. 13-19	Or Peter & Paul
7 July Trinity 3 Proper 9	Isaiah 66. 10-14 Galatians 6. (1-6) Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20	
14 July Trinity 4 Proper 10	Deuteronomy 30. 9-14 Colossians 1. 1-14 Luke 10. 25-37	
21 July Trinity 5 Proper 11	Genesis 18. 1-10a Colossians 1. 15-28 Luke 10. 38-end	
28 July Trinity 6 Proper 12 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
4 August Trinity 7 Proper 13	Ecclesiastes 1. 2, 12-14 Colossians 3. 1-11 Luke 12. 13-21	
11 August Trinity 8 Proper 14	Genesis 15. 1-6 Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12. 32-40	
18 August Trinity 9 Proper 15	Jeremiah 23. 23-29 Hebrews 11. 29-12.2 Luke 12. 49-56	
25 August Trinity 10 Proper 16	Acts 5. 12-16 Luke 22. 24-30	Bartholomew the Apostle

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1 September Trinity 11 Proper 17	Ecclesiasticus 10. 12-18 Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14. 1, 7-14	
8 September Trinity 12 Proper 18	Deuteronomy 30. 15-end Philemon 1-21 Luke 14. 25-33	
15 September Trinity 13 Proper 19	Exodus 32. 7-14 1 Timothy 1. 12-17 Luke 15. 1-10	
22 September Trinity 14 Proper 20	Proverbs 3. 13-18 2 Corinthians 4. 1-6 Matthew 9. 9-13	Matthew the Apostle
29 September Trinity 15 Proper 21 St Michael & All Angels	Genesis 28. 10-17: Jacob's Ladder Revelation 12. 7-12: Michael and his angels fight against the dragon John 1. 47- end: Nathanael's belief	St Michael & All Angels
6 October Trinity 16 Proper 22	Habakkuk 1. 1-4, 2.1-4 2 Timothy 1. 1-14 Luke 17. 5-10	
13 October Trinity 17 Proper 23	2 Kings 5. 1-3, 7-15c 2 Timothy 2. 8-15 Luke 17. 11-19	
20 October Trinity 18 Proper 24	Isaiah 35. 3-6 2 Timothy 4. 5-17 Luke 10. 1-9	Luke
27 October Last Sunday after Trinity Proper 25	Isaiah 45. 22-end Romans 15. 1-6 Luke 4. 16-24	Bible Sunday
3 November 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	
10 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	Remembrance
17 November 2 before Advent	Malachi 4.1-2a: that day. . . 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13: we all should work Luke 21.5-19: the last days	
24 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