

## Sunday Readings and Themes 3 December 2017 to 25 November 2018

Sunday	Readings	Theme
3 December Advent	Isaiah 64.1 - 9: rend the heavens and come down 1 Corinthians 1.3 - 9: you are not lacking any spiritual gift as you wait the coming of our Lord Mark 13.24 - 37: parables of the coming	Advent
10 December Advent 2	Isaiah 40.1 - 11: Comfort ye, my people 2 Peter 3.8 - 15a: A new heaven and a new earth Mark 1.1 - 8: Prepare the way of the Lord	Prophets
17 December Advent 3	Isaiah 61.1 - 4, 8 - 11: good news to the oppressed 1 Thessalonians 5.16 - 24: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing John 1.6 - 8, 19 - 28: There was a man sent from God	John the Baptist
24 December Advent 4	2 Samuel 7.1 - 11, 16: the throne of David shall be established for ever Romans 16.25 - 27: doxology - revelation to the gentiles Luke 1.26 - 38: the annunciation	Mary
25 December Christmas Day	Luke 2. 1-7 John: 1. 1-14: In the beginning was the word	Christmas
31 December Christmas 1	Isaiah 61.10-62.3: God forgives and redeems the people of Israel Galatians 4. 4-7: The descendance of Abraham are the people of faith Luke 2. 15-21: the mission of John the Baptist	Holy Innocents
7 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	Epiphany
14 January Epiphany 2	1 Samuel 3.1 - 10: The call of Samuel Revelation 5.1 - 10: worthy is the Lamb of God John 1.43 - 51: the call of Philip and Nathanael	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
21 January Epiphany 3	Genesis 14. 17-20: God promises the land to Abraham Revelation 19. 6-10: The fall of Babylon John 2. 1-11: The wedding in Cana of Galilee	
28 January Candlemas	Malachi 3.1 - 5: He is like a refiner's fire. . . Hebrews 2.14 - end: sacrifice and atonement. Luke 2.22 - 40: the presentation of Christ; the nunc dimittis	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
4 February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	Proverbs 8.1, 22 - 31: Wisdom Colossians 1.15 - 20: He is the image of the invisible God. . . John 1.1 - 14: In the beginning was the Word	
11 February Sunday next before Lent	2 Kings 2.1 - 12: Elijah giving his mantle to Elisha 2 Corinthians 4.3 - 6: if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing Mark 9.2 - 9: the transfiguration	Transfiguration

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18 February 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	Genesis 9.8 - 17: the covenant with Noah 1 Peter 3.18 - 22: Christ suffered for sins once for all Mark 1.9 - 15: the baptism of Jesus, and in the wilderness	Temptation
25 February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Genesis 17.1 - 7, 15 - 16: God's promise to Abraham Romans 4.13 - 25: The promise to Abraham came from faith Mark 8.31 - 38: Take up your cross	Faith
4 March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Exodus 20.1 - 17: the ten commandments 1 Corinthians 1.18 - 25: the foolishness of the cross John 2.13 - 22: the cleansing of the temple	The Law
11 March Mothering Sunday	TBA	Mothering Sunday
18 March Lent 5 Passion Sunday	Jeremiah 31.31 - 34: I will write the law on their hearts Hebrews 5.5 - 10: A priest without beginning of days or ending of years John 12.20 - 33: sayings before the crucifixion	The way of the cross Passiontide
25 March Palm Sunday	Philippians 2.5 - 11: Let that mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus John 12.12 - 16: the entry into Jerusalem	Palm Sunday
1 April Easter Day	Acts 10.34 - 43: we are witnesses 1 Corinthians 15.1 - 11: Christ was raised on the third day . . . Mark 16.1 - 8: the resurrection	Easter Day
8 April Easter 2	Acts 4.32 - 35: the first disciples holding all things in common 1 John 1.1 - 2.2: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all John 20.19 - 31: the resurrection appearance to doubting Thomas	Faith & doubt
15 April Easter 3	Acts 3. 12-19: Peter preaches the resurrection 1 John 3. 1-7: The father loves us and makes us his children Luke 24. 36b-48: Jesus appears to the disciples	
22 April St George	Revelation 12. 7-12: Michael and his angels slay the dragon 2 Timothy 2. 3-13: Endure hardship like a good soldier of Christ John 15. 18-21: The world hates the disciples	St Georges Day
29 April Easter 5	Acts 8.26 - 40: The baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch 1 John 4.7 - 21: God is love John 15.1 - 8: I am the true vine	God is Love
6 May Easter 6	Acts 10.44 - 48: The gift of the Holy Spirit - to gentiles 1 John 5.1 - 6: Faith, belief, love and action a progression John 15. 9 - 17: This is my commandment, as I have loved you, love one another	
13 May Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension	Acts 1.15 - 17, 21 - 26: The choice of Matthias, to replace Judas 1 John 5.9 - 13: This letter is to assure you of eternal life. John 17.6 - 19. Jesus farewell discourse to the disciples 'whom thou didst give me'.	

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20 May Pentecost	Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14: The valley of dry bones Acts 2.1 - 21: the day of Pentecost John 15.26 - 27, 16.4b - 15: The Advocate, the Spirit of truth	Pentecost
27 May Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6.1 - 8: the call of Isaiah Romans 8.12 - 17: The Spirit makes us sons, enabling us to cry 'Abba, Father' John 3.1 - 17: Nicodemus - 'How can you be born again?'	The Trinity
3 June Trinity 1 Proper 4	Deuteronomy 5: 12-15: the giving of the Ten Commandments 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 Mark 2: 23-3.6	
10 June Trinity 2 Proper 5	Genesis 3. 8-15, the punishment of the serpent 2 Corinthians 4. 13-5.1, he who raised Jesus to new life will raise us also Mark 3. 20-end, whoever does the will of God is my brother	
17 June Trinity 3 Proper 6	Ezekiel 17.22 - 24: a sprig planted on the mountain height of Israel 2 Corinthians 5. 6 - 10, [11 - 13,] 14 - 17: New life in Christ. Mark 4.26 - 34: parables of the kingdom	
24 June John the Baptist	Isaiah 40. 1-11, Comfort my people Galatians 3. 23-end, through faith we are sons of God Luke 1. 57-66,80, the birth of John the Baptist	John the Baptist
1 July St Peter & Paul	Acts 12.1-11: Peter thrown into jail and rescued by an angel Matthew 13.16-19: Peter the rock, the foundation of the church	Peter & Paul;
8 July Trinity 6 Proper 9	Ezekiel 2.1 - 5: the call of Ezekiel: they shall know they have a prophet in their midst. 2 Corinthians 12.2 - 10: Paul's thorn in the flesh Mark 6.1 - 13: Jesus rejected in his home town: the sending out of the disciples	
15 July Trinity 7 Proper 10	Amos 7.7 - 15: Prophecy of the destruction of Israel under Amaziah Ephesians 1.3 -14: the eternal destiny of the church Mark 6.14 - 29: the death of John the Baptist	
22 July Mary Magdalene	Song of Solomon 3. 1-4: 2 Corinthians 5. 14-17: All are a new creation in Christ John 20. 1-2, 11-18: Mary meets Jesus in the garden	Mary Magdalene
29 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
5 August Trinity 10 Proper 13	Exodus 16.2 - 4, 9 - 15: Manna in the wilderness Ephesians 4.1 - 16: the gifts of the Spirit John 6.24 - 35: I am the bread of life	
12 August Trinity 11 Proper 14	1 Kings 19.4 - 8: Elijah's despair after the contest with the prophets of Baal Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2: live as Christ loved you John 6.35, 41 - 51: I am the bread of life	
19 August Trinity 12 Proper 15	Proverbs 9.1 - 6: a call to wisdom Ephesians 5.15 - 20: wisdom, not foolishness for the people of God John 6.51 - 58: eating his flesh and drinking his blood	

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26 August Trinity 13	Joshua 24. 1-2a, 14-18: Fear the Lord and serve Ephesians 6. 10-20: The armour of God John 6. 56-69: Jesus the bread of life	
2 September Trinity 14 Proper 17	Deuteronomy 4. 1 - 2, 6 - 9: the wisdom of the law James 1. 17 - 27: faith devoid of deeds is barren Mark 7.1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23: law and ritual	
9 September Trinity 15 Proper 18	Isaiah 35.4 - 7a: prophecy supporting the gospel James 2. 1 - 10 [11 - 13] 14 - 17: More on faith and works Mark 7.24 - 37: 2 miracles: the Syrophoenician woman and the deaf and dumb man	
16 September Trinity 16 Proper 19	Isaiah 50.4 - 9a: 'The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher. James 3.1 - 12: teaching; bridle the tongue Mark 8.27 - 38: 'Who do men say I am?' Leaving self behind	
23 September 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
30 September Michael & All 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
7 October Trinity 19 Proper 22	Genesis 2.18 - 24: the creation of Eve Hebrews 1.1 - 4, 2.5 - 12: 'What is man that thou art mindful of him' Mark 10.2 - 16: Jesus teaching on marriage	
14 October Harvest	TBA	Harvest St James
21 October St Luke	Isaiah 35.3-6: healing of the blind, deaf, and lame Acts 16. 6-12: Paul is called to Macedonia Luke 10.1-9: the 72 are sent out	St Luke
28 October Bible Sunday	Isaiah 55. 1-11: God's word will accomplish what it desires 2 Timothy 3. 14-4.5: scripture equips us for every good work John 5. 36b-end: we come to the Father through Jesus	The Bible
4 November All Saints	Wisdom 3.1 - 9: the souls of the just are in God's hand Revelation 21.1 - 6a: a new heaven and a new earth John 11.32 - 44: the raising of Lazarus	All Saints
11 November 3 before Advent Remembrance Sunday	Jonah 3.1 - 10: Jonah's prophecy against Nineveh Hebrews 9.24 - 28: Christ's sacrifice for sin Mark 1.14 - 20: the call of the disciples	Remembrance Sunday
18 November 2 before Advent	Daniel 12.1 - 3: a vision of the resurrection Hebrews 10.11 - 14 [15 - 18] 19 - 25: Christ's offering perfect because it leads to a change of heart Mark 13.1 - 8: about the Apocalypse	
25 November Christ the King	Daniel 7.9 - 10, 13 - 14: the vision of the Ancient of Days Revelation 1.4b - 8: the prologue to the 7 letters - 'I am alpha and omega' John 18.33 - 37: Pilate's question: 'Are you the King of the Jews?'	Christ the King