

Sunday Themes Advent 2019-2020

Sunday	Readings	Theme
1 December 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
8 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
15 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
22 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
29 December Christmas 1	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	Christmas 1
5 January Epiphany	Isaiah 60: 1-6: Jesus will come shinning a light in the darkness Ephesians 3: 1-12: Both Gentiles & Jews are heirs to God's praises Matthew 2: 1-12; Epiphany story	Epiphany
12 January Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ	Isaiah 42: 1-9: There is my servant, whom I uphold Acts 10: 34-43: Through Jesus we ALL receive forgiveness Matthew 3: 13-end; Jesus is Baptised by John the Baptist	
19 January Epiphany 2	Isaiah 49:1-7: God's chosen one comes to call both Jews & Gentiles to salvation 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; The church should be united in practice & in spirit John 1: 29-42: John teaches that Jesus is God's chosen one	
26 January Epiphany 3	Isaiah 9: 1-4: the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18: There should be unity between all people in Christ Matthew 4: 12-23: The calling of James and John	

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2 February 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
9 February 3 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	
16 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	
23 February Sunday next before Lent	Exodus 24: 12 - end; Moses receiving the Law on the mountain top 2 Peter 1: 16- end Matthew 17: 1 - 9	
26 February Ash Wednesday	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10 John 8: 1-11	
1 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
8 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	
15 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	
22 March 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
29 March 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
5 April Palm Sunday	Philippians 2: 5-11 Luke 19: 28-40	Palm Sunday
12 April Easter Day	Matthew 28: 1-10	The Resurrection

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19 April Easter 2	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32: Jesus was the promised Messiah 1 Peter 1: 3-9: an inheritance that can never fade John 20: 19-end: Jesus appears in a locked room	
26 April Easter 3 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
3 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	
10 May Easter 5	Acts 7: 55-end: Stoning of Stephen 1 Peter 2;2-10; You are a chosen people & a royal priesthood John 14: 1-14: Jesus prepares a place for us	
17 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
21 May Ascension	Acts 1.1-11: Jesus appears to his disciples & is taken up Luke 24: 44-end; Jesus is driven out by the crowd	Ascension
24 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	
31 May Pentecost	Acts 2.1 - 21: the day of Pentecost John 20.19 - 23: Jesus' final resurrection appearance	Pentecost
7 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
14 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	
21 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	
28 June St Peter & Paul	Acts 12: 1-11: Peter was released from prison by an angel Matthew 16: 13-9: Simon Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah	Peter & Paul
5 July Trinity 4 Proper 9	Zechariah 9: 9-12: The Messiah will bring peace Romans 7: 15-25a: Law & sin Matthew 11: 16-end	

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12 July Trinity 5 Proper 10	Isaiah 55: 10-13 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23: Parable of the sower	
19 July Trinity 6 Proper 11	Isaiah 44: 6-8 Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	
26 July St James	TBA	St James
2 August Trinity 8 Proper 13	Isaiah 55: 1-5 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21	
9 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	
16 August Trinity 10 Proper 15	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8: Worship that is acceptable from all Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: 10-28: What makes a man unclean, and the faith of the Canaanite woman	
23 August Trinity 11 Proper 16	Isaiah 43: 8-13 Acts 5: 12-16 Luke 22: 24-30	St Bartholomew
30 August 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	
6 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	
13 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	
20 September St Matthew	Proverbs 3: 13-18: Wisdom is priceless 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6: God's light shines in our hearts Matthew 9: 9-13: The calling of Matthew the tax collector	St Matthew
27 September 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	

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4 October Trinity 17 Proper 22	Isaiah 5: 1-7: Israel is God's vineyard & he tends it Philippians 3: 4b-14: Forget what is behind & strive for the future Matthew 21: 33-end: the parable of the talents	
11 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	
18 October Luke the Evangelist	Isaiah 35: 3-6: Be strong. Do not fear 2 Timothy 4: 5-17: Keep the faith & receive the crown of righteousness Luke 10: 1-9: Jesus sends out the 72	St Luke
25 October Bible Sunday	Nehemiah 8: 1-12: Ezra reads the Law Colossians 3: 12-17: God's choses with compassion and love Matthew 24: 30-35: the little Apocalypse	Bible Sunday
1 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	
8 November Remembrance	TBA	
15 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	
22 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	