

## Sunday Themes Advent 2021- 24 November 2022

Sunday	Readings	Theme
28 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	Preparing for the coming of Christ Be alert and ready
5 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
12 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
19 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
26 December Christmas 1	1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26 Colossians 3. 12-17 Luke 2. 41-end	Christmas 1
2 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 Three Kings, the gifts, revelation of God to the world . . .
9 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
16 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
23 January The Conversion of St Paul Epiphany 3	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
30 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	Benefice Service Presentation of Christ in the Temple
6 February 4 before Lent Proper 1	Proverbs 8. 1-16 Psalm 21 Luke 22. 24-30	Accession of Queen Elizabeth II

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13 February 3 before Lent Proper 2	Jeremiah 17. 5-10 1 Corinthians 15. 12-20: our resurrection hope Luke 6. 17-26: the Beatitudes	
20 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
27 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 9.27 - 36: the transfiguration;	The Transfiguration
2 March Ash Wednesday	Isaiah 58. 1-12 2 Corinthians 5. 20b - 6.10 John 8. 1-11: woman caught in adultery	
6 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
13 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	
20 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	
27 March Mothering Sunday	Special service- readings tba	Mothering Sunday
2 April Lent 5 Passion Sunday	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
10 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
17 April Easter Day	Easter Sunday services Luke 24.1-12	Easter
24 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	Doubting Thomas
1 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	
8 May Easter 4	Acts 9. 36 to end: Healing of Tabitha Revelation 7.9-end John 10. 22-30: Jesus actions speak for him	

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15 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
22 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
26 May Ascension Day	Acts 1. 1-11 Luke 24. 44-end: The Ascension	
29 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  5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice service
5 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
12 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	
19 June Trinity 1 Proper 7	Isaiah 65. 1-9 Galatians 3. 23-end: Law and faith Luke 8. 26-39: Jesus heals the demonian	
26 June Peter	Acts 12. 1-11 Matthew 16. 13-19	Peter
3 July Thomas the Apostle	Habakkuk 2. 1-4 Ephesians 2. 19-23 John 20. 24-29	Thomas the Apostle
10 July Trinity 4 Proper 10	Deuteronomy 30. 9-14 Colossians 1. 1-14 Luke 10. 25-37	
17 July Trinity 5 Proper 11	Genesis 18. 1-10a Colossians 1. 15-28 Luke 10. 38-end	
24 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
31 July Trinity 7 Proper 13	Ecclesiastes 1. 2, 12-14 Colossians 3. 1-11 Luke 12. 13-21	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice service
7 August Trinity 8 Proper 14	Genesis 15. 1-6 Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12. 32-40	
14 August Trinity 9 Proper 15	Jeremiah 23. 23-29 Hebrews 11. 29-12.2 Luke 12. 49-56	

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21 August Bartholomew	Acts 5. 12-16 Luke 22. 24-30	Bartholomew the Apostle
28 August Trinity 11 Proper 17	Ecclesiasticus 10. 12-18 Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14. 1, 7-14	
4 September Trinity 12 Proper 18	Deuteronomy 30. 15-end Philemon 1-21 Luke 14. 25-33	
11 September Trinity 13 Proper 19	Exodus 32. 7-14 1 Timothy 1. 12-17 Luke 15. 1-10	
18 September Matthew	Proverbs 3. 13-18 2 Corinthians 4. 1-6 Matthew 9. 9-13	Matthew the Apostle
25 September Trinity 15 Proper 21	Amos 6. 1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6. 6-19 Luke 16. 19-end	
2 October Michael & All Angels	Genesis 28. 10-17: Jacobs Ladder Revelation 12. 7-12: Michael and his angels fight against the dragon John 1. 47- end: Nathanael's belief	St Michael & All Angels
9 October Trinity 17 Proper 23	2 Kings 5. 1-3, 7-15c 2 Timothy 2. 8-15 Luke 17. 11-19	
16 October Luke the Evangelist	Isaiah 35. 3-6 2 Timothy 4. 5-17 Luke 10. 1-9	Luke
23 October Bible Sunday	Isaiah 45. 22-end Romans 15. 1-6 Luke 4. 16-24	Bible Sunday
30 October All Saints & All Souls	Daniel 7.1 - 3, 15 - 18: Daniel's visions Ephesians 1.11 - 23: Christ in majesty Luke 6.20 - 31: from the beatitudes	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday All Saints & All Souls
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	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