Lectionary – Year B (2023-2024)

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| **Date** | **Festival** | **Old Testament** | **Psalm** | **Epistle** | **Gospel** |
| *30 Nov 23* | *Festival of St Andrew, Apostle* | ***Ezekiel 3:16-21*** *Ezekiel is commissioned as a watchman for Israel* | ***Psalm 19:1-6*** | ***Romans 10:10-18*** *How are they to believe unless someone proclaims the message?* | ***John 1:35-42*** *Come and see!* |
| 3 Dec 23 | 1st Sunday of Advent | **Isaiah 64:1-9** Open the heavens and come down! | **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**  | **1 Corinthians 1:3-9** As you wait for Christ's return | **Mark 13:24-37** No one knows the day or the hour |
| 10 Dec 23 | 2nd Sunday of Advent | **Isaiah 40:1-11** Prepare the way of the Lord | **Psalm 85:1,2,8-13** | **2 Peter 3:8-15a** The day of the Lord | **Mark 1:1-8** John the Baptist prepares the way |
| 17 Dec 23 | 3rd Sunday of Advent | **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11** The good news of God's deliverance | **Psalm 126**OR**Luke 1:[46b]47-55** Song of Mary (Magnificat) | **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24** Ready for the coming of the Lord | **John 1:6-8,19-28** He who comes after me stands among you |
| *21 Dec 20* | *Festival of St Thomas, Apostle* | ***Judges 6:36-40*** *Gideon desires proof of his call* | ***Psalm 136:1-4,23-26***  | ***Ephesians 4:11-16*** *Christ gives the church apostles* | ***John 14:1-7*** *Thomas asks Jesus to show him the way* |
| 24 Dec 23 | 4th Sunday of Advent | **2 Samuel 7:1-11,16** God's promise to David | **Luke 1:(46b) 47-55** *OR***Psalm 89:1-4,19-26** | **Romans 16:25-27** God reveals his age-long purpose in Jesus | **Luke 1:26-38** God's call to Mary |
| 24 Dec 23 | Christmas Eve (Proper I) | **Isaiah 9:2-7** A Son is given to us | **Psalm 96** | **Titus 2:11-14** The grace of God has appeared | **Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)** Today the Saviour is born |
| 25 Dec 23 | Christmas Day (Proper II) | **Isaiah 62:6-12** Your Saviour comes | **Psalm 97** | **Titus 3:4-7** Saved by God's love | **Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20** The shepherds hear the good news of the birth of Christ |
| 25 Dec 23 | Christmas Day (Proper III – late am) | **Isaiah 52:7-10** The salvation of our God | **Psalm 98** | **Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)** God speaks to us through his Son | **John 1:1-14** The eternal Word has become a human being |
| *26 Dec 23* | *Festival of St Stephen, Martyr* | ***2 Chronicles 24:17-22*** *The stoning of Zechariah* | ***Psalm 17:1-9,15*** | ***Acts 6:8 - 7:2a,51-60*** *The stoning of Stephen* | ***Matthew 23:34-39*** *Jerusalem stones the prophets sent by God* |
| *27 Dec 20* | *Festival of St John, Apostle and Evangelist* | ***Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31*** *In the beginning* | ***Psalm 116:12-19*** | ***1 John 1:1 - 2:2*** *We have seen the word of life* | ***John 21:20-25*** *We know that John's testimony is true* |
| *28 Dec 20* | *Festival of the Innocents, Martyrs* | ***Jeremiah 31:15-17*** *Rachel weeps for her children* | ***Psalm 124*** | ***1 Peter 4:12-19*** *Rejoice in sharing Christ's sufferings* | ***Matthew 2:13-18*** *Herod kills the children of Bethlehem* |
| 31 Dec 23 | 1st Sunday after Christmas | **Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3** The Lord will save his people | **Psalm 148** | **Galatians 4:4-7** God sent his Son to free us | **Luke 2:22-40** Simeon and Anna see Jesus |
| *31 Dec 23* | *New Year’s Eve* | ***Jeremiah 24:1-7*** *The vision of the two baskets of figs* | ***Psalm 102:24-28*** | ***1 Peter 1:22-25*** *We are born anew by the word of God* | ***Luke 13:6-9*** *The parable of the unfruitful fig tree* |
| *1 Jan 24* | *New Year’s Day* | ***Ecclesiastes 3:1-13*** *For everything there is a time* | ***Psalm 8*** | ***Revelation 21:1-6a*** *A new heaven and a new earth* | ***Matthew 25:31-46*** *The last judgment* |
| *1 Jan 24* | *Name of Jesus* | ***Numbers 6:22-27*** *The priestly blessing* | ***Psalm 8*** | ***Galatians 4:4-7*** *God’s Son, born of a woman under the law**OR****Philippians 2:5-11*** *At the name of Jesus every knee will bow* | ***Luke 2:15-21*** *The naming and circumcision of Jesus* |
| *6 Jan 24* | *The Epiphany of our Lord* | ***Isaiah 60:1-6*** *The nations will come to the light* | ***Psalm 72:1-7,10-14*** | ***Ephesians 3:1-12*** *God reveals his age-long purpose in Christ* | ***Matthew 2:1-12*** *Wise men worship Christ the king* |
| 7 Jan 24 | 1st Sunday after Epiphany, Baptism of our Lord | **Genesis 1:1-5** In the beginning God creates light | **Psalm 29** | **Acts 19:1-7** Paul baptises believers in Ephesus | **Mark 1:4-11** The baptism of Jesus |
| 14 Jan 24 | 2nd Sunday after Epiphany | **1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)** The Lord reveals himself to Samuel | **Psalm 139:1-6,13-18** | **1 Corinthians 6:12-20** Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit | **John 1:43-51** We have found the Messiah |
| 21 Jan 24 | 3rd Sunday after Epiphany | **Jonah 3:1-5,10** The city of Nineveh repents | **Psalm 62:5-12** | **1 Corinthians 7:29-31** Living in the last times | **Mark 1:14-20** Repent, and believe the good news |
| *25 Jan 24* | *Festival of the Conversion of St Paul* | ***Acts 9:1-22*** *Christ appears to Saul on the road to Damascus* | ***Psalm 67***  | ***Galatians 1:11-24*** *Paul received the gospel through a revelation of Jesus Christ* | ***Luke 21:10-19*** *Persecution becomes an opportunity for witness* |
| *26 Jan 24* | *Australia Day* | ***Deuteronomy 28:1-9*** *The Lord will bless the land* | ***Psalm 145:1-9*** | ***Romans 13:1-8***  *Respect for governing authorities* | ***Mark 12:13-17*** *Give God what belongs to God* |
| 28 Jan 24 | 4th Sunday after Epiphany | **Deuteronomy 18:15-20** The Lord promises a prophet like Moses | **Psalm 111** | **1 Corinthians 8:1-13** Freedom and the conscience of your fellow believer | **Mark 1:21-28** Jesus teaches with authority |
| *2 Feb 24* | *Festival of the Presentation of our Lord* | ***Malachi 3:1-4*** *The Lord will suddenly come to his temple* | ***Psalm 84*** *OR****Psalm 24:7-10*** | ***Hebrews 2:14-18*** *Jesus became like his brothers and sisters so that he might serve as high priest* | ***Luke 2:22-40*** *Simeon and Anna receive Jesus at his presentation in the temple* |
| 4 Feb 24 | 5th Sunday after Epiphany | **Isaiah 40:21-31** The incomparable greatness of the Lord | **Psalm 147:1-11,20c** | **1 Corinthians 9:16-23** Free to be all things to all people | **Mark 1:29-39** Jesus heals many people |
| 11 Feb 24 | Transfiguration of our Lord | **2 Kings 2:1-12** Elijah is taken up to heaven | **Psalm 50:1-6** | **2 Corinthians 4:3-6** The light of the good news of Christ's glory | **Mark 9:2-9** The transfiguration of Jesus |
| 17 Feb 21 | Ash Wednesday | **Joel 2:1,2,12-17** A call to repentanceOR**Isaiah 58:1-12** A fast acceptable to the Lord | **Psalm 51:1-17** | **2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10** Be reconciled to God | **Matthew 6:1-6,16-21** Giving to the poor, praying, and fasting |
| 21 Feb 21 | 1st Sunday in Lent | **Genesis 9:8-17** God's covenant with Noah | **Psalm 25:1-10** | **1 Peter 3:18-22** The flood a symbol of baptism | **Mark 1:9-15** The baptism, temptation, and preaching of Jesus |
| *24 Feb 21* | *Festival of St Matthias, Apostle* | ***Isaiah 66:1,2*** *The Lord values the humble* | ***Psalm 56*** | ***Acts 1:15-26*** *Matthias is chosen as one of the twelve apostles* | ***Luke 6:12-16*** *Jesus chooses twelve apostles, including Judas* |
| 28 Feb 21 | 2nd Sunday in Lent | **Genesis 17:1-7,15,16** God's promise to Abraham and Sarah | **Psalm 22:23-31** | **Romans 4:13-25** Abraham received God's promise through faith | **Mark 8:31-38** The cost of discipleship |
| 7 Mar 21 | 3rd Sunday in Lent | **Exodus 20:1-17** The Ten Commandments | **Psalm 19** | **1 Corinthians 1:18-25** Christ crucified - God's power and wisdom | **John 2:13-22** Jesus cleanses the temple and gives a sign |
| 14 Mar 21 | 4th Sunday in Lent | **Numbers 21:4-9** The snake of bronze in the desert | **Psalm 107:1-3,17-22** | **Ephesians 2:1-10** Saved by grace through faith | **John 3:14-21** Jesus brings life and light to the world |
| 21 Mar 21 | 5th Sunday in Lent | **Jeremiah 31:31-34** God promises a new covenant | **Psalm 51:1-12***OR***Psalm 119:9-16** | **Hebrews 5:5-10** Jesus the great high priest, made perfect through suffering | **John 12:20-33** Jesus announces that his hour has come |
| *25 Mar 21* | *Annunciation of our Lord* | ***Isaiah 7:10–14*** *The sign of Immanuel* | ***Psalm 45****OR****Psalm 40:5–10*** | ***Hebrews 10:4–10*** *Christ came to do God's will* | ***Luke 1:26–38*** *Gabriel announces the birth of Jesus* |
| 28 Mar 21 | The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) | Procession:**Mark 11:1-11** Jesus' triumphal entry into JerusalemOR**John 12:12-16** Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem**Isaiah 50:4-9a** The obedience of the Lord's servant | Procession:**Psalm 118:1,2,19-29****Psalm 31:9-16** | **Philippians 2:5-11** Christ - obedient servant and exalted Lord | **Mark 14:1 - 15:47** Jesus' suffering and death*OR, a shorter version:***Mark 15:1-39(40-47)** Jesus' suffering and death |
| *29 Mar 21* | *Monday in Holy Week* | ***Isaiah 42:1-9*** *The Lord's Servant (first 'Servant Song')* | ***Psalm 36:5-11*** | ***Hebrews 9:11-15*** *The blood of Christ, our High Priest* | ***John 12:1-11*** *Mary anoints Jesus for burial* |
| *30 Mar 21* | *Tuesday in Holy Week* | ***Isaiah 49:1-7*** *The Lord's Servant (second 'Servant Song')* | ***Psalm 71:1-14***  | ***1 Corinthians 1:18-31*** *The message of the cross* | ***John 12:20-36*** *The hour has come* |
| *31 Mar 21* | *Wednesday in Holy Week* | ***Isaiah 50:4-9a*** *The Lord's Servant (third 'Servant Song')* | ***Psalm 70*** | ***Hebrews 12:1-3*** *Jesus endured the cross* | ***John 13:21-32*** *The betrayal of Jesus* |
| 1 Apr 21 | Maundy Thursday | **Exodus 12:1-4(5-10)11-14** The institution of the Passover | **Psalm 116:1,2,12-19** | **1 Corinthians 11:23-26** The institution of the Lord's supper | **John 13:1-17,31b-35** Jesus washes his disciples' feet |
| 2 Apr 21 | Good Friday | **Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12** The Suffering Servant of God (fourth 'Servant Song') | **Psalm 22** | **Hebrews 10:16-25** Jesus, our priest and sacrifice *OR***Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9** Jesus, our great high priest | **John 18:1 - 19:42** The passion according to St John |
| *3 Apr 21* | *Saturday in Holy Week (Holy Saturday)* | ***Job 14:1-14*** *We all lead the same short, troubled life.**OR****Lamentations 3:1-9,19-24*** *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases* | ***Psalm 31:1-4, 15, 16*** | ***1 Peter 4:1-8*** *The gospel is proclaimed to the dead* | ***Matthew 27:57-66*** *The burial of Jesus**OR****John 19:38-42*** *The burial of Jesus* |
| *3 Apr 21* | *Easter Vigil* | ***FIRST READIING Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a****Meditative response: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26****SECOND READING Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13****Meditative response: Psalm 46****THIRD READIING Genesis 22:1-18****Meditative response: Psalm 16****FOURTH READING Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20,21****Meditative response: Exodus 15:1b-13,17,18****FIFTH READING Isaiah 55:1-11****Meditative response: Isaiah 12:2-6****SIXTH READING Proverbs 8:18,19-21; 9:4b-6****Meditative response: Psalm 19*SEVENTH READING: Ezekiel 36:24-28*Meditative response: Psalm 42 and 43****EIGHTH READING Ezekiel 37:1-14****Meditative response: Psalm 143****NINTH READING Zephaniah 3:14-20****Meditative response: Psalm 98* |
| 4 Apr 21 | Easter Day1st Sunday of Easter | **Acts 10:34-43** Summary of Jesus' life and ministry*OR***Isaiah 25:6-9** God will prepare a banquet | **Psalm 118:1,2,14-24** | **1 Corinthians 15:1-11** The good news of Christ's resurrection*OR (if not used as the first reading)***Acts 10:34-43** Summary of Jesus' life and ministry | **John 20:1-18** Mary finds the tomb empty and Jesus appears to her*OR***Mark 16:1-8** Christ has risen! |
| *4 Apr 21* | *Easter Evening* | ***Isaiah 25:6-9*** *God will prepare a banquet* | ***Psalm 114*** | ***1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*** *Remove the old yeast of sin, and be pure* | ***Luke 24:13-49*** *Jesus made known in the breaking of the bread* |
| 11 Apr 21 | 2nd Sunday of Easter | **Acts 4:32-35** The believers share their possessions | **Psalm 133** | **1 John 1:1 - 2:2** We have life and light through Jesus | **John 20:19-31** Thomas sees the risen Christ and believes |
| 18 Apr 21 | 3rd Sunday of Easter | **Acts 3:12-19** Peter's message in the temple | **Psalm 4** | **1 John 3:1-7** We are children of God | **Luke 24:36b-48** Christ has fulfilled the Scriptures |
| 25 Apr 21 | 4th Sunday of EasterGood Shepherd Sunday | **Acts 4:5-12** Peter and John before the council | **Psalm 23** | **1 John 3:16-24** The Christian's assurance | **John 10:11-18** The good shepherd dies for the sheep |
| *25 Apr 21* | *St Mark, Evangelist* | ***Isaiah 52:7–10*** *The messenger of salvation* | ***Psalm 57*** | ***2 Timothy 4:6–11,18*** *The good fight of faith* | ***Mark******1:1–15*** *The beginning of the good news* |
| *25 Apr 21* | *Anzac Day* | ***Micah 4:1-4*** *Swords into ploughshares* | ***Psalm 46*** | ***Revelation 21:3-5*** *Death will be no more* | ***Mark 13:3-8*** *Wars and rumours of war* |
| *1 May 21* | *St Philip & St James, Apostles* | ***Isaiah 30:18–21*** *This is the way* | ***Psalm 44:1–3,20–26*** | ***2 Corinthians 4:1–6*** *We preach Jesus Christ as Lord* | ***John 14:8–14*** *Jesus answers Philip's request* |
| 2 May 21 | 5th Sunday of Easter | **Acts 8:26-40** Philip and the Ethiopian | **Psalm 22:25-31** | **1 John 4:7-21** Love one another, as God loved us | **John 15:1-8** The true vine and the fruitful branches |
| 9 May 21 | 6th Sunday of Easter*Mother’s Day* | **Acts 10:44-48** The Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit | **Psalm 98** | **1 John 5:1-6** Faith gives us victory over the world | **John 15:9-17** Jesus calls us his friends |
| *13 May 21* | *The Ascension of our Lord* | ***Acts 1:1-11*** *Jesus' ascension, promise and commission* | *Psalm 47 or* *Psalm 93* | ***Ephesians 1:15-23*** *Christ is the supreme Lord over all things* | ***Luke 24:44-53*** *Jesus commissions and blesses the disciples* |
| 16 May 21 | 7th Sunday of Easter | **Acts 1:15-17,21-26** Matthias chosen to replace Judas | **Psalm 1** | **1 John 5:9-13** God's testimony about his Son | **John 17:6-19** Jesus prays for his disciples |
| 23 May 21 | Pentecost | **Acts 2:1-21** The coming of the Holy Spirit*OR* **Ezekiel 37:1-14** The vision of the valley of dry bones | **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** | **Romans 8:22-27** As we live in hope, the Spirit intercedes for us*OR, if not read as the first reading:***Acts 2:1-21** The coming of the Holy Spirit  | **John 15:26,27; 16:4b-15** The work of the Spirit of truth |
| 30 May 21 | Holy Trinity1st Sunday after Pentecost | **Isaiah 6:1-8** Isaiah called by the holy God | **Psalm 29** | **Romans 8:12-17** You are God's own children | **John 3:1-17** God sent his Son to bring us his life |
| *31 May 21* | *Visitation of Mary, the Mother of our Lord* | ***1 Samuel 2:1–10*** *The prayer of Hannah* | ***Psalm 113*** | ***Romans 12:9–16b*** *The Christian's duty* | ***Luke 1:39–57*** *Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth* |
| 6 Jun 21 | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 5) | **1 Samuel 8:4-11(12-15)16-20(11:14,15)** The people of Israel demand a king*Or***Genesis 3:8-15** Human disobedience and God's judgment | **Psalm 138**Or**Psalm 130** | **2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1** The glory to come far exceeds our troubles | **Mark 3:20-35** Questions about Jesus' power |
| 13 Jun 21 | 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 6) | **1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13** David anointed as king*Or***Ezekiel 17:22-24** God's promise of hope | **Psalm 20**Or**Psalm 92:1-4,12-15** | **2 Corinthians 5:6-19(11-13)14-17** Living for Christ, by faith | **Mark 4:26-34** The growing seed; the mustard seed |
| 20 Jun 21 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7) | **1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11,19-23) 32-49** David and GoliathOr**1 Samuel 17:57 - 18:5,10-16**Saul tries to kill Davidor**Job 38:1-11**The might of the Creator | **Psalm 9:9-20**Or**Psalm 133**Or**Psalm 107:1-3,23-32** | **2 Corinthians 6:1-13** Paul's sufferings as God's servant | **Mark 4:35-41** Jesus calms a storm |
| 24 Jun 21 | *Nativity of St John the Baptist* | ***Malachi 3:1-4*** *A messenger will prepare the Lord's way* | ***Psalm 141*** | ***Acts 13:13-26*** *The witness of John* | ***Luke 1:57-67(68-80)*** *The birth and naming of John* |
| *25 Jun 21* | *Commemoration of the Augsburg Confession**(or Red)* | ***Isaiah 55:6-11*** *The word of God will not return empty* | ***Psalm 46****OR****Psalm 138*** | ***1 Timothy 6:11b-16*** *Fight the good fight of faith* | ***Matthew 10:26-33*** *What you hear in the dark, speak in the light* |
| 27Jun 21 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 8) | **2 Samuel 1:1,17-27** David mourns for Saul and JonathanOr**Lamentations 3:22-33**The Lord's goodness and mercy will not fail | **Psalm 130**Or**Psalm 30** | **2 Corinthians 8:7-15** Paul encourages generous giving | **Mark 5:21-43** Jesus restores a girl to life and heals a woman |
| *29 Jun 21* | *St Peter and St Paul, Apostles* | ***Ezekiel 34:11-16*** *God himself will shepherd his people* | ***Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7*** | ***1 Corinthians 3:16-23*** *Whether Peter or Paul, all belongs to Christ*  | ***Mark 8:27-35*** *Peter's confession* |
| 4 Jul 21 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9) | **2 Samuel 5:1-5,9,10** David becomes king over IsraelOr**Ezekiel 2:1-5**Prophet to a rebellious nation | **Psalm 48**Or**Psalm 123** | **2 Corinthians 12:2-10** Paul boasts of his weaknesses | **Mark 6:1-13** Jesus rejected in his home town; sends out the Twelve |
| 11 Jul 21 | 7th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10) | **2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19** David brings the ark to JerusalemOr**Amos 7:7-15**The plumbline; Amos and Amaziah | **Psalm 24***Or***Psalm 85:8-13** | **Ephesians 1:3-14** God praised for his secret plan now revealed | **Mark 6:14-29** The death of John the Baptist |
| 18 Jul 21 | 8th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11) | **2 Samuel 7:1-14a** God's promise to DavidOr**Jeremiah 23:1-6**The Lord will gather his people | **Psalm 89:20-37***Or***Psalm 23** | **Ephesians 2:11-22** We are all one in Christ | **Mark 6:30-34,53-56** Jesus has compassion on the crowd |
| *22 Jul 21* | *St Mary Magdalene* | ***Ruth 1:6-18*** *Ruth gives up her false gods and follows Naomi**OR****Exodus 2:1-10*** *Miriam keeps watch over baby Moses* | ***Psalm 73:23-28*** | ***Acts 13:26-33a*** *God raised Jesus as he promised* | ***John 20:1,2,11-18*** *Mary Magdalene witnesses the risen Jesus* |
| 25 Jul 21 | 9th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12) | **2 Samuel 11:1-15** David and BathshebaOr**2 Kings 4:42-44**Elisha feeds 100 men | **Psalm 14***OR,* **Psalm 145:10-18** | **Ephesians 3:14-21** The love of Christ | **John 6:1-21** Jesus feeds 5000 people, and walks on the water |
| *25 Jul 21* | *St James the Elder, Apostle* | ***1 Kings 19:9-18*** *The Lord appears to Elijah* | ***Psalm 7:1-10*** | ***Acts 11:27 - 12:3a*** *Herod puts James to death* | ***Mark 10:35-45*** *James will share in Christ's suffering and death* |
| 1 Aug 21 | 10th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13) | **2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a** David's sin is condemnedOr**Exodus 16:2-4,9-15**The manna and the quails | **Psalm 51:1-12***Or***Psalm 78:23-29** | **Ephesians 4:1-16** Unity in the body of Christ | **John 6:24-35** Jesus the bread of God gives life to the world |
| 8 Aug 21 | 11th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14) | **2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33** The death of David's son AbsalomOr**1 Kings 19:4-8**Elijah fed by God | **Psalm 130**Or**Psalm 34:1-8** | **Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2** Be imitators of God | **John 6:35,41-51** Jesus the bread of life |
| 15 Aug 21 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15)  | **1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14** Solomon prays for wisdomOr**Proverbs 9:1-6**The invitation of Wisdom | **Psalm 111***OR,* **Psalm 34:9-14** | **Ephesians 5:15-20** Live as wise Spirit-filled people | **John 6:51-58** Jesus' flesh and blood gives life |
| 22 Aug 21 | 13th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16) | **1 Kings 8:(1,6,10,11)22-30,41-43** Solomon's prayer of dedication of the templeOr**Joshua 24:1,2a,14-18**Joshua affirms: We will serve the Lord | **Psalm 84***Or***Psalm 34:15-22** | **Ephesians 6:10-20** Put on God's armour | **John 6:56-69** Jesus has the words of eternal life |
| 24 Aug 21 | *St Bartholomew, Apostle* | ***Exodus 19:1-6*** *The Israelites at Mount Sinai* | ***Psalm 12*** | ***1 Corinthians 12:27-31a*** *Christ's gifts to his church* | ***John 1:43-51*** *Jesus calls Nathanael (Bartholomew) a 'true Israelite'* |
| 29 Aug 21 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17) | **Song of Solomon 2:8-13** Springtime love songOr**Deuteronomy 4:1,2,6-9**Moses urges Israel to keep the Lord's commands | **Psalm 45:1,2,6-9**Or**Psalm 15** | **James 1:17-27** Listening and doing | **Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23** What makes people unclean |
| 5 Sep 21 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18) *Father’s Day* | **Proverbs 22:1,2,8,9,22,23** Justice and generosity better than richesOr**Isaiah 35:4-7a**God will come to save | **Psalm 125***Or***Psalm 146** | **James 2:1-10(11-13)14-17** Faith shown in love | **Mark 7:24-37** A woman's faith; Jesus heals a deaf mute |
| 12 Sep 21 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19) | **Proverbs 1:20-33** The call of wisdomOr**Isaiah 50:4-9a**The obedient servant of the Lord | **Psalm 19***Or***Psalm 116:1-9** | **James 3:1-12** Taming the tongue | **Mark 8:27-38** Christ must suffer and die |
| 19 Sep 21 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20) | **Proverbs 31:10-31** A capable wifeOr**Jeremiah 11:18-20**A plot against Jeremiah's life | **Psalm 1***Or***Psalm 54** | **James 3:13 - 4:3,7,8a** The wisdom from heaven | **Mark 9:30-37** The servant of all is the greatest |
| *21 Sep 21* | *St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist* | ***Ezekiel 2:8 - 3:11*** *God calls Ezekiel to be a prophet* | ***Psalm 119:33-40*** | ***Ephesians 2:4-10*** *We are saved by God's grace* | ***Matthew 9:9-13*** *Jesus calls Matthew the tax collector to follow him* |
| 26 Sep 21 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)  | **Esther 7:1-6,9,10; 9:20-22** The Jews celebrate victory over their enemiesOr**Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29**Moses chooses 70 leaders | **Psalm 124***Or***Psalm 19:7-14** | **James 5:13-20** Prayer offered in faith | **Mark 9:38-50** Acting in Jesus' name; temptations to sin |
| *29 Sep 21* | *St Michael and All Angels* | ***Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3*** *Michael and the guardian angels* | ***Psalm 103:1-5,20-22*** | ***Revelation 12:7-12*** *Michael and his angels fight the dragon* | ***Luke 10:17-20*** *Jesus foresees the fall of Satan* |
| 3 Oct 21 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22) | **Job 1:1; 2:1-10** Job is testedOr**Genesis 2:18-24**The creation of woman | **Psalm 26***Or***Psalm 8** | **Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12** God has spoken through his Son | **Mark 10:2-16** Jesus teaches about divorce, and blesses children |
| 10 Oct 21 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23) | **Job 23:1-9,16,17** Job's complaint against GodOr**Amos 5:6,7,10-15**Hate evil, love good, maintain justice | **Psalm 22:1-15***Or***Psalm 90:12-17** | **Hebrews 4:12-16** Jesus our high priest is merciful | **Mark 10:17-31** The rich man goes away sad |
| 17 Oct 21 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24) | **Job 38:1-7(34-41)** The Lord challenges JobOr**Isaiah 53:4-12**The suffering servant | **Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c**Or**Psalm 91:9-16** | **Hebrews 5:1-10** Jesus our great high priest | **Mark 10:35-45** The request of James and John |
| 18 Oct 21 | *St Luke, Evangelist* | ***Isaiah 43:8-13*** *Israel is the Lord's witness**OR****Isaiah 35:5-8*** *The joy of the redeemed* | ***Psalm 124*** | ***2 Timothy 4:5–11*** *Paul writes, 'Only Luke is with me'* | ***Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53*** *Luke writes an orderly account* |
| 24 Oct 21 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25) | **Job 42:1-6,10-17** The Lord restores JobOr**Jeremiah 31:7-9**The Lord will save a remnant of Israel | **Psalm 34:1-8(19-22)***Or***Psalm 126** | **Hebrews 7:23-28** Jesus is a priest forever | **Mark 10:46-52** Jesus heals a blind man |
| *28 Oct 21* | *St Simon and St Jude, Apostles* | ***Jeremiah 26:(1-6)7-16*** *Jeremiah's temple sermon and arrest* | ***Psalm 11*** | ***1 John 4:1-6*** *Test the spirits for truth and error* | ***John 14:21-27*** *Jesus answers Jude's question* |
| 31 Oct 21 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26) | **Ruth 1:1-18** Ruth goes with NaomiOr**Deuteronomy 6:1-9**The great commandment | **Psalm 146***Or***Psalm 119:1-8** | **Hebrews 9:11-14** The blood of Christ cleanses us | **Mark 12:28-34** The great commandment |
| *31 Oct 21* | *Commemoration of the Reformation* | ***Jeremiah 31:31-34*** *The Lord will write his law on our hearts* | ***Psalm 46*** | ***Romans 3:19-28*** *Justification by faith* | ***John 8:31-36*** *'In my word, you will know the truth'* |
| *1 Nov 21* | *All Saints* | ***Revelation 7:9-17*** *Saints around the throne of God* | *Psalm 34:1-10,22* | ***1 John 3:1-3*** *We are God's children* | ***Matthew 5:1-12*** *The beatitudes* |
| 7 Nov 21 | 24th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27 – 3rd last Sunday of Church Year) | **Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17** Ruth and Boaz Or**1 Kings 17:8-16**Elijah and the widow of Zarephath | **Psalm 127***Or***Psalm146** | **Hebrews 9:24-28** Christ's sacrifice takes away sins | **Mark 12:38-44** The widow's generous offering |
| 14 Nov 21 | 25th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28 – 2nd last Sunday of Church Year) | **1 Samuel 1:4-20** The birth of SamuelOr**Daniel 12:1-3**The time of the end | **'Psalm': 1 Samuel 2:1-10***Or***Psalm 16** | **Hebrews 10:11-14(15-18)19-25** Let us confidently draw near to God | **Mark 13:1-8** Signs of the end of the age |
| 21 Nov 21 | Last Sunday of Church Year (Day of Fulfilment) | **2 Samuel 23:1-7** The last words of DavidOr**Daniel 7:9,10,13,14**A vision of God surrounded by his court | **Psalm 132:1-12(13-18)**Or**Psalm 93** | **Revelation 1:4b-8** Christ is coming on the clouds | **John 5:21-29** The Son's authority to judge and to save*OR* **John 18:33-37** Jesus' kingdom not of this world |