Lectionary – Year A (2022-2023)

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| **Date** | **Festival** | **First Reading** | **Psalm** | **Second Reading** | **Gospel** |
| 27 Nov 22 | 1st Sunday of Advent | **Isaiah 2:1-5** God's kingdom of peace | **Psalm 122** | **Romans 13:11-14** Our salvation is near | **Matthew 24:36-44** No one knows the day or hour |
| *30 Nov 22* | *Festival of St Andrew the 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!* |
| 4 Dec 22 | 2nd Sunday of Advent | **Isaiah 11:1-10** The longed-for Messiah | **Psalm 72:1-7,18,19** | **Romans 15:4-13** Good news for the Gentiles | **Matthew 3:1-12** The kingdom of heaven is at hand! |
| 11 Dec 22 | 3rd Sunday of Advent | **Isaiah 35:1-10** God himself will come to save us | **Psalm 146:5-10**  OR  **Luke 1:[46b]47-55** Song of Mary (Magnificat) | **James 5:7-10** Do not lose heart | **Matthew 11:2-11** Jesus and John the Baptist |
| 18 Dec 22 | 4th Sunday of Advent | **Isaiah 7:10-16** A virgin will conceive | **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19** | **Romans 1:1-7** Jesus, son of David, Son of God | **Matthew 1:18-25** God's call to Joseph |
| *21 Dec 22* | *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 22 | 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 22 | 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 22 | 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 22* | *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* |

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| *27 Dec 22* | | *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 22* | | *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* | |
| 1 Jan 23 | | 1st Sunday after Christmas | | | **Isaiah 63:7-9** The kindness of the Lord | | **Psalm 148** | | **Hebrews 2:10-18** Jesus, our brother, pioneer of salvation | | **Matthew 2:13-23** The escape into Egypt | |
| *1 Jan 23* | | *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 23* | | *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 23* | | *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* | |
| 8 Jan 23 | | 1st Sunday after Epiphany, Baptism of our Lord | | | **Isaiah 42:1-9** The Lord's servant is a light to the nations | | **Psalm 29** | | **Acts 10:34-43** Jesus anointed with the Spirit and power | | **Matthew 3:13-17** The baptism of Jesus | |
| 15 Jan 23 | | 2nd Sunday after Epiphany | | | **Isaiah 49:1-7** God's servant a light to the nations | | **Psalm 40:1-11** | | **1 Corinthians 1:1-9** Grace and peace from God in Christ | | **John 1:29-42** Jesus the Lamb of God | |
| 22 Jan 23 | | 3rd Sunday after Epiphany | | | **Isaiah 9:1-4** People who have lived in darkness have seen a great light | | **Psalm 27:1,4-9** | | **1 Corinthians 1:10-18** An appeal to avoid factions | | **Matthew 4:12-23** Jesus begins his work - light has dawned | |
| *25 Jan 23* | | *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 23* | | *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* | |
| 29 Jan 23 | | 4th Sunday after Epiphany | | | **Micah 6:1-8** The Lord's case against Israel | | **Psalm 15** | | **1 Corinthians 1:18-31** God chooses the weak | | **Matthew 5:1-12** The beatitudes - life in God's kingdom | |
| *2 Feb 23* | | *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* | |
| 5 Feb 23 | | 5th Sunday after Epiphany | | | **Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12)** The Lord desires kindness and justice | | **Psalm 112:1-9(10)** | | **1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16)** Christ crucified - God's power and wisdom | | **Matthew 5:13-20** You are salt of the earth and light of the world | |
| *6 Feb 23* | | *Waitangi Day (NZ)* | | | ***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* | |
| 12 Feb 23 | | 6th Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 1) | | | **Deuteronomy 30:15-20** The two ways - life or death | | **Psalm 119:1-8** | | **1 Corinthians 3:1-9** Divisions in the Corinthian church | | **Matthew 5:21-37** Jesus' radical teaching of the law | |
| 19 Feb 23 | | Transfiguration of our Lord | | | **Exodus 24:12-18** Moses on the mountain with God | | **Psalm 2**  *or*  **Psalm 99** | | **2 Peter 1:16-21** Listen to us - we saw Christ's glory | | **Matthew 17:1-9** The transfiguration of Jesus | |
| *24 Feb 23* | | *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* | |
| 22 Feb 23 | | Ash Wednesday | | | **Joel 2:1,2,12-17** A call to repentance  *OR*  **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 | |
| 26 Feb 23 | | 1st Sunday in Lent | | | **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 The creation and fall** | | **Psalm 32** | | **Romans 5:12-19 Death through Adam, life through Christ** | | **Matthew 4:1-11 The temptation of Jesus** | |
| 5 Mar 23 | | 2nd Sunday in Lent | | | **Genesis 12:1-4a The call of Abraham** | | **Psalm 121** | | **Romans 4:1-5,13-17 Abraham, our father, justified by faith** | | **John 3:1-17 God so loved the world that he gave his only Son** | |
| 12 Mar 23 | | 3rd Sunday in Lent | | | **Exodus 17:1-7 The Israelites put God to the test** | | **Psalm 95** | | **Romans 5:l-11 While we were still sinners, Christ died for us** | | **John 4:5-42 Jesus and the Samaritan woman** | |
| 19 Mar 23 | | 4th Sunday in Lent | | | **1 Samuel 16:1-13 Samuel anoints David as king of Israel** | | **Psalm 23** | | **Ephesians 5:8-14 Live as children of the light** | | **John 9:1-41 Jesus opens the eyes of a man born blind** | |
| *25 Mar 23* | | *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* | |
| 26 Mar 23 | | 5th Sunday in Lent | | | **Ezekiel 37:1-14** Vision of the valley of dry bones | | **Psalm 130** | | **Romans 8:6-11** The Spirit of God lives in you | | **John 11:1-45** The raising of Lazarus - Jesus' last sign | |
| 2 Apr 23 | | The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) | | | Procession:  **Matthew 21:1-11** 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 | | **Matthew 26:14 - 27:66** Jesus' suffering and death  *OR, a shorter version:*  **Matthew 27:11-54** Jesus' suffering and death | |
| *3 Apr 23* | | *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* | |
| *4 Apr 23* | | *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* | |
| *5 Apr 23* | | *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* | |
| 6 Apr 23 | | 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 | |
| 7 Apr 23 | | 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 | |
| *8 Apr 23* | | *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* | |
| *8-9 Apr 23* | | *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* | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 Apr 23 | | Easter Day  1st Sunday of Easter | **Acts 10:34-43** Summary of Jesus' life and ministry  *OR*  **Jeremiah 31:1-6** God will rebuild Jerusalem | | | | **Psalm 118:1,2,14-24** | | **Colossians 3:1-4** Your life is hidden with Christ in God  *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*  **Matthew 28:1-10** The first Easter morning | |
| *9 Apr 23* | | *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* | |
| 16 Apr 23 | | 2nd Sunday of Easter | **Acts 2:14a, 22-32** Peter gives witness that God raised Jesus | | | | **Psalm 16** | | **1 Peter 1:3-9** New birth through the resurrection of Christ | | **John 20:19-31** Thomas sees the risen Christ and believes | |
| 23 Apr 23 | | 3rd Sunday of Easter | **Acts 2:14a,36-41** Three thousand people repent and are baptised | | | | Psalm 116:1-4,12-19 | | **1 Peter 1:17-23** Set free by the sacrifice of Christ | | **Luke 24:13-35** Jesus made known in the breaking of the bread | |
| *25 Apr 23* | | *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 23* | | *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* | |
| 30 April 23 | | 4th Sunday of Easter  Good Shepherd Sunday | **Acts 2:42-47** Life and worship in the apostolic church | | | | **Psalm 23** | | **1 Peter 2:19-25** The shepherd and bishop of our souls | | **John 10:1-10** Jesus, the gate for the sheep | |
| *1 May 23* | | *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* | |
| 7 May 23 | 5th Sunday of Easter | | | **Acts 7:55-60** The death of Stephen | | **Psalm 31:1-5,15,16** | | **1 Peter 2:2-10** God's chosen people, a royal priesthood | | **John 14:1-14** Jesus the way to the Father | |
| 14 May 23 | 6th Sunday of Easter  Mother’s Day | | | **Acts 17:22-31** Paul in Athens | | **Psalm 66:8-20** | | **1 Peter 3:13-22** Suffering for doing right | | **John 14:15-21** The promise of the Holy Spirit | |
| *18 May 23* | *The Ascension of our Lord* | | | ***Acts 1:1-11*** *Jesus' ascension, promise and commission* | | Psalm 110 | | ***Ephesians 1:15-23*** *Christ is the supreme Lord over all things* | | ***Luke 24:44-53*** *Jesus commissions and blesses the disciples* | |
| 21 May 23 | 7th Sunday of Easter | | | **Acts 1:6-14** Waiting in prayer for the Spirit | | **Psalm 68:1-10,32-35** | | **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11** Suffering as a Christian | | **John 17:1-11** Jesus prays for his disciples in the world | |
| 28 May 23 | Pentecost | | | **Acts 2:1-21** The coming of the Holy Spirit  *OR*  **Numbers 11:24-30** Seventy elders of Israel receive the Spirit | | **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** | | **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13** The gifts of the Spirit  *OR, if not read as the first reading:*  **Acts 2:1-21** The coming of the Holy Spirit | | **John 20:19-23** Jesus gives his Spirit to the apostles  *OR*  **John 7:37-39** Jesus promises streams of life-giving water | |
| *31 May 23* | *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* | |
| 4 Jun 23 | Holy Trinity  1st Sunday after Pentecost | | | **Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a** The Triune God creates the world through his word | | **Psalm 8** | | **2 Corinthians 13:11-13(14)** The apostolic blessing in the name of the Triune God | | **Matthew 28:16-20** The great commission in the name of the Triune God | |
| 11 Jun 23 | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 5) | | | **Genesis 12:1-9** The calling of Abraham  *OR* **Hosea 5:15 - 6:6** God desires mercy, not sacrifice | | **Psalm 33:1-12**  *OR*  **Psalm 50:7-15** | | **Romans 4:13-25** God's promise to Abraham received through faith | | **Matthew 9:9-13,18-26** Jesus calls Matthew, heals a woman, and raises a child | |
| 18 Jun 23 | 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 6) | | | **Genesis 18:1-15(21:1-7)** The Lord appears to Abraham to announce the birth of Isaac *OR* **Exodus 19:2-8a** A kingdom of priests, a holy nation | | **Psalm 116:1,2,12-19**  *OR* **Psalm 100** | | **Romans 5:1-8** Christ died for the ungodly | | **Matthew 9:35 – 10:8(9-23)** Jesus sends out the Twelve | |
| 24 Jun 23 | *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 23* | *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* | |
| 25 Jun 23 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7) | | | **Genesis 21:8-21** God's promise to Hagar and Ishmael  OR  **Jeremiah 20:7-13** Jeremiah struggles with his calling | | ***Psalm 86:1-10,16,17***  *OR*  ***Psalm 69:7-10(11-15)16-18*** | | **Romans 6:1b-11** Dead to sin, but alive to Christ | | **Matthew 10:24-39** Do not be afraid; take up your cross and follow Christ | |
| *29 Jun 23* | *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 belong to Christ* | | ***Mark 8:27-35*** *Peter's confession* | |
| 2 Jul 23 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 8) | | | **Genesis 22:1-14** The sacrifice of Isaac: God tests Abraham  OR  **Jeremiah 28:5-9** Jeremiah and the false prophet Hananiah | | ***Psalm 13***  *OR*  ***Psalm 89:1-4,15-18*** | | **Romans 6:12-23** You have become slaves to righteousness | | **Matthew 10:40-42** Whoever welcomes you welcomes me | |
| 9 Jul 23 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9) | | | **Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67** Abraham's servant finds a wife for Isaac  OR  **Zechariah 9:9-12** The humble king | | ***Psalm 45:10-17***  *OR*  ***Song of Solomon 2:8-13***  *OR*  **Psalm 145:8-14** | | **Romans 7:15-25a** The struggle of the sinner-saint | | **Matthew 11:16-19,25-30** Jesus reveals the Father, and the weary find rest in him | |

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| 16 Jul 23 | 7th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10) | **Genesis 25:19-34** Jacob gains the birthright of Esau  OR  **Isaiah 55:10-13** God's word will succeed | **Psalm 119:105-112**  OR  **Psalm 65:(1-8)9-13** | **Romans 8:1-11** You are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit | **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23** The parable of the sower |
| *22 Jul 23* | *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* |
| 23 Jul 23 | 8th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11) *Bible Sunday* | **Genesis 28:10-19a** Jacob dreams of a ladder from heaven to earth  OR  **Isaiah 44:6-8** God is the first and last - the only God | ***Psalm 139:1-12,23,24***  *OR*  ***Psalm 86:11-17*** | **Romans 8:12-25** Our future glory is beyond compare | **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43** The parable of the weeds |
| *25 Jul 23* | *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* |
| 30 July 23 | 9th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12) | **Genesis 29:15-28** Jacob works 14 years to marry Rachel  OR  **1 Kings 3:5-12** Solomon's prayer for wisdom | **Psalm 105:1-11,45b**  OR  **Psalm 128**  OR  **Psalm 119:129-136** | **Romans 8:26-39** Nothing can separate us from the love of God | **Matthew 13:31-33,44-52** Parables of the kingdom |
| 6 Aug 23 | 10th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13) | **Genesis 32:22-31** Jacob wrestles with God  *OR*  **Isaiah 55:1-5** Invitation to the thirsty | **Psalm 17:1-7,15**  *OR*  **Psalm 145:8, 9,14-21** | **Romans 9:1-5** Paul's sorrow for his own people | **Matthew 14:13-21** Jesus feeds the five thousand |

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| 13 Aug 23 | 11th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14) | **Genesis 37:1-4,12-28** Joseph sold into slavery in Egypt  *OR*  **1 Kings 19:9-18** The Lord appears to Elijah | **Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b**  *OR*  **Psalm 85:8-13** | **Romans 10:5-15** The word of the Lord is near you | **Matthew 14:22-33** Jesus walks on the water |
| 20 Aug 23 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15) | **Genesis 45:1-15** Joseph reveals himself to his brothers  *OR*  **Isaiah 56:1,6-8** God's people will include foreigners | **Psalm 133**  *OR*  **Psalm 67** | **Romans 11:1,2a,29-32** The salvation of the Jews as well as the Gentiles | **Matthew 15:(10-20)21-28** The healing of an unclean woman's daughter |
| 24 Aug 23 | *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'* |
| 27 Aug 23 | 13th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16) | **Exodus 1:8 - 2:10** The slavery of Israel and the birth of Moses  *OR*  **Isaiah 51:1-6** The earth will pass away, but God's salvation is forever | **Psalm 124**  *OR*  **Psalm 138** | **Romans 12:1-8** The basis of ethics, and advice on gifts | **Matthew 16:13-20** Peter declares Jesus to be the Christ |
| 3 Sep 23 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17)  *Father’s Day* | **Exodus 3:1-15** The call of Moses  *OR*  **Jeremiah 15:15-21** Jeremiah's inner struggle | **Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45c**  *OR*  **Psalm 26:1-8** | **Romans 12:9-21** Living in love | **Matthew 16:21-28** Jesus speaks about his death and discipleship |
| 10 Sep 23 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18) | **Exodus 12:1-14** The Lord institutes the Passover  *OR*  **Ezekiel 33:7-11** God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman | **Psalm 149**  *OR*  **Psalm 119:33-40** | **Romans 13:8-14** The debt of love | **Matthew 18:15-20** Steps towards reconciliation |

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| 17 Sep 23 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19) | **Exodus 14:19-31** The crossing of the Red Sea  *OR*  **Genesis 50:15-21** Joseph is reconciled with his brothers | **Psalm 114**  *OR, alternative 'psalm':*  **Exodus 15:1b-11,20,21**  *OR*  **Psalm 103:(1-7) 8-13** | **Romans 14:1-12** The strong and the weak in faith | **Matthew 18:21-35** Parable of the unforgiving servant |
| *21 Sep 23* | *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* |
| 24 Sep 23 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20) | **Exodus 16:2-15** Bread from heaven in the desert  *OR*  **Jonah 3:10 - 4:11** Jonah is angered by God's mercy | **Psalm 105:1-6,37-45**  *OR*  **Psalm 145:1-8** | **Philippians 1:21-30** Living for Christ | **Matthew 20:1-16** The workers in the vineyard |
| *29 Sep 23* | *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* |
| 1 Oct 23 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21) | **Exodus 17:1-7** God gives water from a rock  *OR*  **Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32** Individual responsibility for sin | **Psalm 78:1-4,12-16**  *OR*  **Psalm 25:1-9** | **Philippians 2:1-13** The humility and exaltation of Christ | **Matthew 21:23-32** Which son obeyed his father? |
| 8 Oct 23 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22) | **Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20** The Ten Commandments  *OR*  **Isaiah 5:1-7** The song of the vineyard | **Psalm 19**  *OR*  **Psalm 80:7-15** | **Philippians 3:4b-14** Everything loss compared to Christ | **Matthew 21:33-46** Parable of the tenants in the vineyard |

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| 15 Oct 23 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23) | **Exodus 32:1-14** God's people worship a golden calf  *OR*  **Isaiah 25:1-9** God swallows up death in the feast of victory | **Psalm 106:1-6,19-23**  *OR*  **Psalm 23** | **Philippians 4:1-9** Rejoice in the Lord always | **Matthew 22:1-14** The parable of the wedding feast |
| 18 Oct 23 | *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* |
| 22 Oct 23 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24) | **Exodus 33:12-23** The Lord shows his glory to Moses  *OR*  **Isaiah 45:1-7** The Lord appoints King Cyrus of Persia to do his will | **Psalm 99**  *OR*  **Psalm 96:1-9(10-13)** | **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** Serving God in faith, hope, and love | **Matthew 22:15-22** The question about paying taxes |
| *28 Oct 23* | *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* |
| 29 Oct 23 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25) | **Deuteronomy 34:1-12** The death of Moses  *OR*  **Leviticus 19:1,2,15-18** Be holy as the Lord is holy | **Psalm 90:1-6,13-17**  *OR*  **Psalm 1** | **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8** Paul does not speak to please people | **Matthew 22:34-46** The great commandment |
| *31 Oct 23* | *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 23* | *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* |
| 5 Nov 23 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26) | **Joshua 3:7-17** Crossing the Jordan to the promised land  *OR*  **Micah 3:5-12** The prophet declares the ruin of Jerusalem | **Psalm 107:1-7,33-37**  *OR*  **Psalm 43** | **1 Thessalonians 2:9-13** Paul's conduct among the Thessalonians | **Matthew 23:1-12** Warnings against the scribes and Pharisees |
| 12 Nov 23 | 24th Sunday after Pentecost (3rd last Sunday of Church Year) | **Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25** Israel promises to serve the Lord  *OR*  **Amos 5:18-24** The day of the Lord | **Psalm 78:1-7**  *OR*  **Psalm 70** | **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** Questions about the Lord's coming | **Matthew 25:1-13** Parable of the wise and foolish girls |
| 19 Nov 23 | 25th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd last Sunday of Church Year) | **Judges 4:1-7** Deborah, one of the judges  *OR*  **Zephaniah 1:7,12-18** The day of the Lord is near | **Psalm 123**  *OR*  **Psalm 90:1-8(9-11)12** | **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** Be ready for the Lord's coming | **Matthew 25:14-30** The parable of the talents |
| 26 Nov 23 | Last Sunday of Church Year (Day of Fulfilment) | **Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24** The Lord himself will be the Shepherd King | **Psalm 100**  *OR*  **Psalm 95:1-7a** | **Ephesians 1:15-23** Christ reigns at God's right hand | **Matthew 25:31-46** The King's final judgment |