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THE LECTIONARY AND THE CHURCH YEAR

Every year we include in our yearbook a lectionary of readings for the year. This is related to two principles operative in the early church and reiterated at the Reformation, namely the orderly reading of Scripture in the congregation, and the ensuring that the great themes of the Christian Message are recalled regularly.

To maintain these principles, the Scripture readings are arranged in two ways. For the most part there is a consecutive reading of large sections of the Old and New Testaments, but on special days associated in a particular way with our redemption we have readings appropriate to the season.

While the Church Year is not designed to bring God's liberated people into bondage to "special days and months and seasons and years" (Galatians 4:10), it does enable us to emphasise those truths and events that are at the heart of our faith.

For your interest, here is a simple analysis of the Church Year (usually from the beginning of November to the end of October) and the Collects, Epistles and Gospels (as indicated in the Prayer Book):

Advent to Trinity: *The Message of Redemption*

Advent:	The King is Coming; In Glory; Word; Preaching
Christmas:	The Word Made Flesh
Circumcision:	His in the Flesh, and Ours of the Heart
Epiphany:	We Beheld His Glory – Birth, Learning, Miracles, Advent
Lent:	His Human Pain, and Our Holy Pilgrimage
Easter:	The Sufferings and the Glory
Ascension:	His, and Ours
Whitsunday:	Pentecost, and its Meaning
Trinity:	The Wonder, and the Worship

Trinity to Advent: *The Life of the Redeemed*

Themes of Love, Holiness, Discipline, Ministry, Faith, Conflict, Giving

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	MORNING OT	PRAYER NT	EVENING OT	PRAYER NT
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2017				
<i>November 5 Trinity 21</i>	1 Samuel 3 : 1 – 10	Matthew 9 : 14 – 26	Isaiah 33 : 13 – 24	1 Corinthians 1 : 18 - 31
<i>November 12 Trinity 22</i>	1 Samuel 3 : 11 – 21	Matthew 9 : 27 – 38	Isaiah 34 : 1 – 17	1 Corinthians 2 : 1 - 16
<i>November 19 Trinity 23</i>	1 Samuel 4 : 1 – 11	Matthew 10 : 1 – 16	Isaiah 35 : 1 – 10	1 Corinthians 3 : 1 - 23
<i>November 26 Trinity 24</i>	1 Samuel 4 : 12 – 22	Matthew 10 : 17 – 31	Isaiah 36 : 1 – 10	1 Corinthians 4 : 1 - 21
<i>December 03 Advent Sunday</i>	1 Samuel 5 : 1 – 12	Matthew 10 : 32 – 42	Isaiah 36 : 11 – 22	1 Corinthians 5 : 1 - 12
<i>December 10 Advent 2</i>	1 Samuel 6 : 1 – 12	Matthew 11 : 1 – 19	Isaiah 37 : 1 – 13	1 Corinthians 6 : 1 - 11
<i>December 17 Advent 3</i>	1 Samuel 6 : 13 – 21	Matthew 11 : 20 – 30	Isaiah 37 : 14 – 20	1 Corinthians 6 : 12 – 20
<i>December 24 Advent 4</i>	1 Samuel 7 : 1 – 11	Matthew 12 : 1 – 21	Isaiah 37 : 21 – 38	1 Corinthians 7 : 1 – 16
<i>December 25 Christmas Day</i>	Isaiah 9 : 1 – 7	John 1 : 1 – 14		
<i>December 31 Sunday after Christmas</i>	1 Samuel 8 : 1 – 19	Matthew 12 : 22 – 37	Isaiah 38 : 1 – 22	1 Corinthians 7 : 17 - 31

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<i>January 7</i> <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	1 Samuel 9 : 1 – 10	Matthew 12 : 38 – 50	Isaiah 39 : 1 – 8	1 Corinthians 7 : 32 - 40
<i>January 14</i> <i>Epiphany 1</i>	1 Samuel 9 : 11 – 23	Matthew 13 : 1 – 23	Isaiah 40 : 1 – 14	1 Corinthians 8 : 1 - 13
<i>January 21</i> <i>Epiphany 2</i>	1 Samuel 10 : 1 – 8	Matthew 13 : 24 - 35	Isaiah 40 : 15 – 31	1 Corinthians 9 : 1 - 14
<i>January 28</i> <i>Epiphany 3</i>	1 Samuel 10 : 9 – 27	Matthew 13 : 36 – 46	Isaiah 41 : 1 – 10	1 Corinthians 9 : 15 – 27
<i>February 4</i> <i>Epiphany 4</i>	1 Samuel 11 : 1 – 15	Matthew 13 : 47 – 58	Isaiah 41 : 11 – 16	1 Corinthians 10 : 1 - 13
<i>February 11</i> <i>Sunday before Lent</i>	1 Samuel 12 : 1 – 11	Matthew 14 : 1 – 12	Isaiah 41 : 17 – 29	1 Corinthians 10 : 14 - 33
<i>February 18</i> <i>Lent 1</i>	1 Samuel 12 : 12 – 25	Matthew 14 : 13 – 21	Isaiah 42 : 1 – 13	1 Corinthians 11 : 1 – 16
<i>February 25</i> <i>Lent 2</i>	1 Samuel 13 : 1 – 15	Matthew 14 : 22 – 36	Isaiah 42 : 14 – 25	1 Corinthians 11 : 17 - 34
<i>March 4</i> <i>Lent 3</i>	1 Samuel 13 : 16 – 22	Matthew 15 : 1 – 20	Isaiah 43 : 1 – 13	1 Corinthians 12 : 1 – 11
<i>March 11</i> <i>Lent 4</i>	1 Samuel 14 : 1 - 14	Matthew 15 : 21 - 39	Isaiah 43 : 14 - 28	1 Corinthians 12 : 12 - 30
<i>March 18</i> <i>Lent 5</i>	1 Samuel 14 : 15 - 23	Matthew 16 : 1 – 12	Isaiah 44 : 1 - 11	1 Corinthians 13 : 1 - 13
<i>March 25</i> <i>Sunday before Easter</i>	1 Samuel 14 : 24 – 35	Matthew 16 : 13 – 28	Isaiah 44 : 12 – 28	1 Corinthians 14 : 1 - 17
<i>March 30</i> <i>Good Friday</i>	Zechariah 11 : 4 – 13	Mark 15 : 16 – 41		
<i>April 1</i> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Isaiah 53 : 7 – 54 : 3	Mark 16 : 1 – 20	Psalms 24 : 1 – 10	Matthew 28 : 1 - 15
<i>April 8</i> <i>Easter 1</i>	1 Samuel 14 : 36 – 48	Matthew 17 : 1 – 13	Isaiah 45 : 1 – 10	1 Corinthians 14 : 18 - 25
<i>April 15</i> <i>Easter 2</i>	1 Samuel 15 : 1 – 11	Matthew 17 : 14 – 26	Isaiah 45 : 11 – 25	1 Corinthians 14 : 26 - 40

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<i>April 22</i> <i>Easter 3</i>	1 Samuel 15 : 12 – 23	Matthew 18 : 1 – 14	Isaiah 46 : 1 – 13	1 Corinthians 15 : 1 - 11
<i>April 29</i> <i>Easter 4</i>	1 Samuel 15 : 24 - 35	Matthew 18 : 15 – 35	Isaiah 47 : 1 – 15	1 Corinthians 15 : 12 - 34
<i>May 6</i> <i>Easter 5</i>	1 Samuel 16 : 1 – 13	Matthew 19 : 1 – 12	Isaiah 48 : 1 – 11	1 Corinthians 15 : 35 - 58
<i>May 10</i> <i>Ascension Day</i>	Psalms 8 : 1 – 9	Acts 1 : 1 – 11		
<i>May 13</i> <i>Sunday after Ascension</i>	1 Samuel 16 : 14 – 23	Matthew 19 : 13 – 30	Isaiah 48 : 12 – 22	1 Corinthians 16 : 1 - 24
<i>May 20</i> <i>Whitsunday</i>	Joel 2 : 28 – 32	Acts 2 : 1 – 11	Isaiah 49 : 1 – 7	2 Corinthians 1 : 1 - 11
<i>May 27</i> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	1 Samuel 17 : 1 – 11	Matthew 20 : 1 – 16	Isaiah 49 : 8 – 18	2 Corinthians 1 : 12 - 24
<i>June 3</i> <i>Trinity 1</i>	1 Samuel 17 : 12 – 25	Matthew 20 : 17 – 28	Isaiah 49 : 19 – 26	2 Corinthians 2 : 1 - 11
<i>June 10</i> <i>Trinity 2</i>	1 Samuel 17 : 26 – 37	Matthew 20 : 29 – 34	Isaiah 50 : 1 – 11	2 Corinthians 2 : 12 - 17
<i>June 17</i> <i>Trinity 3</i>	1 Samuel 17 : 38 – 49	Matthew 21 : 1 – 11	Isaiah 51 : 1 – 8	2 Corinthians 3 : 1 - 18
<i>June 24</i> <i>Trinity 4</i>	1 Samuel 17 : 50 – 58	Matthew 21 : 12 – 22	Isaiah 51 : 9 – 23	2 Corinthians 4 : 1 - 18
<i>July 1</i> <i>Trinity 5</i>	1 Samuel 18 : 1 – 16	Matthew 21 : 23 – 32	Isaiah 52 : 1 – 15	2 Corinthians 5 : 1 – 21
<i>July 8</i> <i>Trinity 6</i>	1 Samuel 18 : 17 – 30	Matthew 21 : 33 – 46	Isaiah 53 : 1 – 12	2 Corinthians 6 : 1 - 13
<i>July 15</i> <i>Trinity 7</i>	1 Samuel 19 : 1 – 13	Matthew 22 : 1 – 14	Isaiah 54 : 1 – 8	2 Corinthians 6 : 14 - 18
<i>July 22</i> <i>Trinity 8</i>	1 Samuel 19 : 14 – 24	Matthew 22 : 15 – 33	Isaiah 54 : 9 – 17	2 Corinthians 7 : 1 - 16
<i>July 29</i> <i>Trinity 9</i>	1 Samuel 20 : 1 – 15	Matthew 22 : 34 – 46	Isaiah 55 : 1 – 13	2 Corinthians 8 : 1 - 15
<i>August 5</i> <i>Trinity 10</i>	1 Samuel 20 : 16 – 33	Matthew 23 : 1 – 15	Isaiah 56 : 1 – 12	2 Corinthians 8 : 16 - 24

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<i>August 12</i> <i>Trinity 11</i>	Samuel 20 : 34 – 42	Matthew 23 : 16 – 28	Isaiah 57 : 1 - 13	2 Corinthians 9 : 1 - 15
<i>August 19</i> <i>Trinity 12</i>	1 Samuel 21 : 1 – 14	Matthew 23 : 29 – 39	Isaiah 57 : 14 – 21	2 Corinthians 10 : 1 - 18
<i>August 26</i> <i>Trinity 13</i>	1 Samuel 22 : 1 – 8	Matthew 24 : 1 – 14	Isaiah 58 : 1 – 14	2 Corinthians 11 : 1 - 15
<i>September 2</i> <i>Trinity 14</i>	1 Samuel 22 : 9 – 23	Matthew 24 : 15 – 25	Isaiah 59 : 1 – 11	2 Corinthians 11 : 16 - 33
<i>September 9</i> <i>Trinity 15</i>	1 Samuel 23 : 1 – 13	Matthew 24 : 26 – 35	Isaiah 59 : 12 – 21	2 Corinthians 12 : 1 - 10
<i>September 16</i> <i>Trinity 16</i>	1 Samuel 23 : 14 – 29	Matthew 24 : 36 – 51	Isaiah 60 : 1 – 12	2 Corinthians 12 : 11 - 21
<i>September 23</i> <i>Trinity 17</i>	1 Samuel 24 : 1 – 22	Matthew 25 : 1 – 13	Isaiah 60 : 13 – 22	2 Corinthians 13 : 1 - 14
<i>September 30</i> <i>Trinity 18</i>	1 Samuel 25 : 1 - 11	Matthew 25 : 14 – 30	Isaiah 61 : 1 – 11	Galatians 1 : 1 - 10
<i>October 7</i> <i>Trinity 19</i>	1 Samuel 25 : 12 – 25	Matthew 25 : 31 – 46	Isaiah 62 : 1 – 12	Galatians 1 : 11 - 24
<i>October 14</i> <i>Trinity 20</i>	1 Samuel 25 : 26 – 44	Matthew 26 : 1 – 13	Isaiah 63 : 1 – 19	Galatians 2 : 1 – 10
<i>October 21</i> <i>Trinity 21</i>	1 Samuel 26 : 1 – 11	Matthew 26 : 14 – 30	Isaiah 64 : 1 -12	Galatians 2 : 11 - 21
<i>October 28</i> <i>Trinity 22</i>	1 Samuel 26 : 12 – 25	Matthew 26 : 31 – 45	Isaiah 65 : 1 – 10	Galatians 3 : 1 - 14