

## Sunday Themes 2010

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January 3rd 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 Service	771
<b>Themes:</b> Three Kings, the gifts, revelation of God to the world . . .			
January 10th The 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		774
<b>Theme:</b> the baptism of Jesus			
January 17th 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	Parish Praise	777
<b>Theme:</b> the church as a bride			
January 24th Epiphany 3	Nehemiah 8.1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 – 10: the people are told to rejoice on rediscovering the Law 1 Corinthians 12.12 – 31a: Inter-dependency in the church Luke 4.14 – 21: The spirit of the Lord is upon me . . . Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing		780
<b>Theme:</b> the Bible; Jesus fulfilling the bible			

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January 31st Epiphany 4 or Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)	Ezekiel 43.27 – 44.4: the glory of the Lord filled the Temple 1 Corinthians 13: Love Luke 2.22 – 40: the presentation, the song of Simeon	Visit to Aston. Candlemas readings: 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	784, Candlemas 787
<b>Themes:</b> the song of Simeon; faithfulness; Jesus sharing our nature			
February 7th 2nd before Lent	Genesis 2.4b – 9, 15 – 25: 2nd story of the creation of man Revelation 4: a vision of the throne of God and the four living creatures Luke 8.22 – 25: Jesus calming the storm		p803
<b>Theme:</b> the glory of God the creator			
February 14th 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 9.28 – 36, [37 – 43]: the transfiguration; [Jesus casts out a devil, the disciples were unable to]		p807
<b>Theme:</b> the Transfiguration			
February 21st Lent 1	Deuteronomy 26.1 – 11: Giving the first fruits of the land 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	Parish Praise 2nd reading starts rather abruptly	p816
<b>Theme:</b> temptation and salvation			

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February 28th 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: Jerusalem, Jerusalem! The city that kills the prophets. . .		p820
<b>Theme:</b> Faith			
March 7th Lent 3	Isaiah 55.1 – 9: Ho everyone that thirsts. . . For my ways are not your ways. . . 1 Corinthians 10.1 – 13: if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall Luke 13.1 – 9: the tower of Siloam; the parable of the fig tree		p823
<b>Theme:</b> God’s invitation to us – and our response			
March 14th Lent 4 or Mothering Sunday	Mothering Sunday readings (alternatives available) Exodus 2.1 – 10: Moses in the bull rushes Colossians 3.12 – 17: Put on the garments that suit God’s chosen people Luke 2.[25 – 32], 33 – 35: [the song of Simeon]; a sign which men reject	Mothering Sunday	p830
<b>Theme:</b> Mothering Sunday			
March 21st Lent 5	Isaiah 43.16 – 21: I am about to do a new thing Philippians 3.4b – 14: I have suffered the loss of all things, that I might gain Christ John 12.1 – 8: Mary anointing Jesus’ feet with perfume		p834
<b>Theme:</b> the positive side of suffering			
March 28th 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		p838
<b>Theme:</b> Palm Sunday			

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April 4th Easter day	Easter Sunday services Isaiah 65.17 – 25: I am about t create new heavens and new earth Acts 10.34 – 43: Peter’s speech to the gentiles John 20.1 – 18: the empty tomb	Selected readings	p892
<b>Theme:</b> Easter			
April 11th 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		p897
<b>Theme:</b> Seeing – or not seeing – and believing			
April 18th Easter 3	Acts 9.1 – 6, [7 – 20]: the conversion of Paul Revelation 5.11 – 14: Worthy is the Lamb John 21.1 – 19: Simon, feed my sheep	Parish Praise	p901
<b>Theme:</b> Jesus calls us, and how we should respond			
April 25th Easter 4	Acts 9.36 – 43: Peter’s raising of Dorcas Revelation 7.9 – 17: Who are these, robed in white. . . John 10.22 – 30: My sheep hear my voice. . .		p905
<b>Theme:</b> the risen Christ, at work today			
May 2nd 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		p908
<b>Theme:</b> a new way of living			
May 9th 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		p911
<b>Theme:</b> the guidance of the Holy Spirit			

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<b>Theme:</b> living the eternal life now			
May 23rd Pentecost	Acts 2.1 – 21: the day of Pentecost Romans 8.14 – 17: Abba! Father! John 14.8 – 17, [25 – 27]: I am in the Father; the promise of the Spirit		p922
<b>Theme:</b> Pentecost			
May 30th Trinity	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		p927
<b>Theme:</b> the nature of God			
June 6th Trinity 1	1 Kings 17.17 – 24: Elijah raises the son of the widow of Zarephath Galatians 1.11 – end: the gospel Paul preaches was given by God Luke 7.11 – 17: Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain		Collect p932, readings p957
<b>Theme:</b> the power of the gospel			
June 13th Trinity 2	2 Samuel 11.26 – 12.10, 13 – 15: Nathan's accusation of David Galatians 2.15 – 21: justification by faith Luke 7.36 – 8.3: the woman who anointed Jesus feet		Collect p932, readings p962
<b>Theme:</b> The dangers of slipping into sin			

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June 20th Trinity 3	Isaiah 65.1 – 9: I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask Galatians 3.23 – 29: faith and the law Luke 8.26 – 39: The Gadarene swine	Parish Praise	Collect p933, readings p969
<b>Theme:</b> freedom in Christ			
June 27th Trinity 4	1 Kings 19.15 – 16, 19 – 21: God's message to Elijah, after he had fled into the wilderness and the commissioning of Elisha Galatians 5.1, 13 – 25: Freedom in Christ; the fruits of the spirit Luke 9.51 – 62: sayings on following Jesus		Collect p934, readings p975
<b>Theme:</b> Commitment to Christ			
July 4th Trinity 5	2 Kings 5.1 – 14: the healing of Naaman Galatians 6.[1 – 6], 7 – 16: you reap what you sow Luke 10.1 – 11, 16 – 20: the sending out of the seventy	1st reading from continuous thread	Collect p935, readings p978
<b>Theme:</b> the transformed life in Christ			
July 11th Trinity 6	Deuteronomy 30.9 – 14: the word is very close to you. . Colossians 1.1 – 14: introduction to the letter Luke 10.25 – 37: the good Samaritan		Collect p935, readings p987
<b>Theme:</b> what the law means in our lives			
July 18th Trinity 7	Genesis 18.1 – 10a: Renewal of the promise to Abraham Colossians 1.15 – 28: He is the image of the invisible God Luke 10.38 – 42: Martha and Mary	Parish Praise	Collect p 936, readings p992
<b>Theme:</b> choosing the better part			

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July 25th St James, Trinity 8	St James Patronal Festival 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	Trinity 8 readings: Genesis 18.20 – 32: Abraham praying to God before Sodom and Gomorrah Colossians 2.6 – 15, [16 – 19]: Christ our philosophy Luke 11.1 – 13: the Lord's prayer; ask and it shall be given you	James p 1161, Trinity 8 collect p937, readings p998
<b>Theme:</b> St James			
August 1st Trinity 9	Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12 – 14; 2.18 – 23: Vanity of vanities Colossians 3.1 – 11: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above Luke 12.31 – 21: the danger of greed		Collect p 938, readings p1003
<b>Theme:</b> Aiming for heaven			
August 8th Trinity 10	Genesis 15.1 – 6: the promise to Abraham Hebrews 11.1 – 3, 8 – 16: Faith is the substance of things hoped for. . . Luke 12.32 – 40: Lay up treasure in heaven; await his coming		Collect p939, readings p1009
<b>Theme:</b> Faithfulness			
August 15th Trinity 11, BVM	Jeremiah 23.23 – 29: speaking the word faithfully Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. . . Luke 12.49 – 56: I came to bring fire to the earth; the signs of the times	Parish Praise	Collect p939, readings p1015
<b>Theme:</b> Following God through trouble			
August 22nd Trinity 12	Isaiah 58.9b – 14: if you cease doing wrong, good will come to you Hebrews 12.18 – 29: See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking Luke 13.10 – 17: curing a woman on the Sabbath		Collect p940, readings p1020
<b>Theme:</b> Doing right, being tolerant			

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August 29th Trinity 13	Ecclesiasticus 10.12 – 18: the beginning of pride is sin Hebrews 13.1 – 8, 15 – 16: closing exhortations Luke 14.1, 7 – 14, taking the lowest place at the banquet		Collect p941, readings p1026
<b>Theme:</b> Forgetting self, remembering the world			
September 5th Trinity 14	Deuteronomy 30.15 – 20: I have set before you life and death. . . Philemon 1 – 21: Concerning the slave Onesimus Luke 14.25 – 33: Counting the cost of following Christ		Collect p942, readings p1032
<b>Theme:</b> Counting the cost			
September 12th Trinity 15	Exodus 32.7 – 14: Moses persuades God not to destroy the people 1 Timothy 1.12 – 17: Jesus came into the world to save sinners Luke 15.1 – 10: rejoicing over that which was lost		Collect p942, readings p1037
<b>Theme:</b> Repentance			
September 19th Trinity 16	Amos 8.4 – 7: justice in business 1 Timothy 2.1 – 7: praying for the world Luke 16.1 – 13: the parable of the unjust steward.	Parish Praise	Collect p943, readings p1042
<b>Theme:</b> Living before God, and in the world			
September 26th Trinity 17	Amos 6.1a, 4 – 7: the idle rich go first into exile 1 Timothy 6.6 – 19: the love of money is the root of evil Luke 16.19 – 31: the parable of the rich man and Lazarus		Collect p944, readings p1048
<b>Theme:</b> Using our wealth			
October 3rd Trinity 18	Habakkuk 1.1- 4, 2.1 – 4: the vision will surely come 2 Timothy 1.1 – 14: I know whom I have believed. . . Luke 17.5 – 10: Faith; we can only do what we ought to do.	If harvest, use these readings: Deuteronomy 26.1 – 11: the offering of first fruits. Philippians 4.4 – 9: Rejoice in the Lord always. . . John 6.25 – 35: 'I am the bread of life'	Collect p944, readings p1054
<b>Theme:</b> The life of faith			

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October 10th Trinity 19	2 Kings 5.1 – 3, 7 – 15c: the healing of Naaman 2 Timothy 2.8 – 15: . . . rightly dividing the word of truth Luke 17.11 – 19: the healing of the 10 lepers		Collect p945, readings p1058
<b>Theme:</b> Trusting God, and being thankful			
October 17th Trinity 20	Genesis 32.22 – 31: Jacob wrestling at the brook Jabbok 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5: All scripture is inspired by God Luke 18.1 – 8: the parable of the unjust judge	Parish Praise	Collect p946, readings p1063
<b>Theme:</b> Prayer			
October 24th Last after Trinity or Bible Sunday	Jeremiah 14.7 – 10, 19 – 22: a call to God in a time of trouble 2 Timothy 4.6 – 8, 16 – 18: I have fought the good fight Luke 18.9 – 14: “God be merciful to me, a sinner”	Readings for Bible Sunday: Isaiah 45.22 – end: Look to me and be saved Romans 15.1 – 6: all scriptures were written for our instruction Luke 4.16 – 24: Jesus fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecy	Collect p948, readings p1068 Bible Sunday, p1092
<b>Theme:</b> Living before God			
October 31st All Saints	Daniel 7.1 – 3, 15 – 18: Daniel’s visions Ephesians 1.11 – 23: Christ in majesty Luke 6.20 – 31: from the beatitudes	Coddington Patronal Festival.	p1071
<b>Theme:</b> Christ whom we worship			
November 7th 3rd 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		p1080
<b>Theme:</b> Rising in glory			
November 14th 2nd before Advent, Remembrance	Malachi 4.1 – 2a: that day. . . 2 Thessalonians 3.6 – 13: we all should work Luke 21.5 – 19: the last days	Special readings for Remembrance Sunday	p1083
<b>Theme:</b> The day of the Lord			

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November 21st 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	Parish Praise	p1086
<b>Theme:</b> Christ the King			
November 28th 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 . . .		p3
<b>Theme:</b> The second coming			
December 5th 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		p5
<b>Theme:</b> A time of preparation			
December 12th 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?’		p9
<b>Theme:</b> Waiting for the coming			
December 19th 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 – 25: Now the birth of Jesus took place in this way	Parish Praise	p12
<b>Theme:</b> God with us			

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December 24th Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9.2 – 7: The people who walked in darkness. . . Titus 2.11 – 14: be upright while we wait for the hope Luke 2.1 – 14: In those days a decree went out from Emperor August. . .	Midnight service	p18
<b>Theme:</b> Christmas			
December 25th Christmas Day	Isaiah 52.7 – 10: How beautiful are the feet. . . Hebrews 1.1 – 4: in these last days has spoken by a Son John 1.1-14: In the beginning was the Word		p25
<b>Theme:</b> Christmas			
December 26th St Stephen	2 Chronicles 24.20 – 22: the martyrdom of Zechariah Acts 7.51 – 60: the martyrdom of Stephen Matthew 23.34 – 39: thus have you treated the prophets before	Christmas 1 readings: Isaiah 63.7 – 9: I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord. . . Hebrews 2.10 - 18: For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. Matthew 2.13 – 23: the flight into Egypt	p30
<b>Theme:</b> St Stephen			