Light for the Lectionary *syllabus*
July–December 2009

5 JULY Proper 9

READINGS:
Ezekiel 2:1–5; Mark 6:1–13
Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2–12

Aim: to understand the challenges for those who bring God's word to reluctant hearers

12 JULY Proper 10

READINGS:
Amos 7:7–15; Mark 6:14–29
Psalm 85:8–13; Ephesians 1:3–14

Aim: to appreciate the personal cost to those who speak out God's truth

19 JULY Proper 11

READINGS:
Jeremiah 23:1–6; Mark 6:30–34, 53–56
Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11–22

Aim: to explore God's leadership of his people, as a shepherd - a model for leadership

26 JULY Proper 12

READINGS:
2 Kings 4:42–44; **John 6:1–21**
Psalm 145:10–18; Ephesians 3:14–21

Aim: to recognise the power of God at work in providing food for those in need

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2 AUGUST Proper 13

READINGS:
Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15; **John 6:24–35**
Psalm 78:23–29; Ephesians 4:1–16

Aim: to explore the image of Jesus as the Bread of Life

9 AUGUST Proper 14

READINGS:
1 Kings 19:4–8; **John 6:35, 41–51**
Psalm 34:1–8; Ephesians 4:25–5:2

Aim: to understand more of the life that Jesus offers as the Bread of Life

16 AUGUST Proper 15

READINGS:
Ephesians 5:15–20; John 6:51–58
Proverbs 9:1–6; Psalm 34:9–14

Aim: to explore the implications of putting our trust in Jesus, the bread of life

23 AUGUST Proper 16

READINGS:
Joshua 24:1–2,14–18; John 6:56–58
Psalm 34:15–22; Ephesians 6:10–20

Aim: to consider the choice to follow God's way

30 AUGUST Proper 17

READINGS:
James 1:17–27; Mark 7:1–8,14–15,21–23
Deuteronomy 4:1–2,6–9; Psalm 15

Aim: to honour Jesus in our thoughts, words and actions

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6 SEPTEMBER Proper 18

READINGS:
James 2:1–10, 14–17; Mark 7:24–37
Isaiah 35:4–7a; Psalm 146

Aim: to understand how we are to love others

13 SEPTEMBER Proper 19

READINGS:
James 3:1–12; Mark 8:27–38
Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 116:1–9

Aim: to consider how best to watch what we say

20 SEPTEMBER Proper 20

READINGS:
James 3: 13–4:3,7–8; Mark 9:30–37
Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 54

Aim: to learn the wisdom of being a servant

27 SEPTEMBER Proper 21

READINGS:
Numbers 11:4–6,10-16, 24–29; James 5:13–20
Psalm 19:7–14; Mark 9:38–50

Aim: to recognise that God's people need each other

Dedication festival/Church anniversary

READINGS:
Genesis 28:11–18; 1 Peter 2:1–10
Psalm 122; John 10:22–29

Aim: to recognise how good it is to be God's people and to know that he is always with us

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Harvest (Common Worship)

READINGS:
Psalm 126; Matthew 6:25–33
Joel 2:21–27; 1 Timothy 2:1–7

Aim: to trust God in our futures, including trusting him as the harvest-provider

4 OCTOBER Proper 22

READINGS:
Genesis 2:18–24; Psalm 8
Mark 10:2–16; Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Aim: to celebrate marriage and relationship building as part of God's creation

11 OCTOBER Proper 23

READINGS:
Amos 5:6,7,10–15; Mark 10:17–31
Psalm 90:12–17; Hebrews 4:12–16

Aim: to appreciate the cost and benefit of following Jesus

18 OCTOBER Proper 24

READINGS:
Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45
Isaiah 53:4–12; Psalm 91:9–16

Aim: to learn to serve with Jesus, following his example

25 OCTOBER Proper 25

READINGS:
Hebrews 7:23–28; Mark 10:46–52
Jeremiah 31:7–9; Psalm 126

Aim: to celebrate that Jesus is the ideal person to save us

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OCTOBER 25 Bible Sunday

READINGS:
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; John 5:36b–47
Isaiah 55:1–11; Psalm 19:7–14

Aim: to discover God speaks to his people, longing for them to respond

1 NOVEMBER All Saints' Day

READINGS
Revelation 21:1–6a; John 11:32–44
Isaiah 25:6–9; Psalm 24:1–6

Aim: to celebrate the new life that Jesus gives

8 NOVEMBER Third Sunday before Advent/Remembrance Sunday

READINGS:
Hebrews 9:24–28; Mark 1:14–20
Jonah 3:1–5; Psalm 62:5–12
[RCL: 1 Kings 17:8–16; Psalm 146; **Hebrews 9.24–28**; Mark 12:38–44]

Aim: to understand the image of Jesus as priest and sacrifice

15 NOVEMBER Second Sunday before Advent

READINGS:
Hebrews 10:11–14, [15–18],19–25; **Mark 13:1–8**
Daniel 12:1–3; Psalm 16

Aim: to discover our identity in Christ which lasts long into the future

22 NOVEMBER Sunday next before Advent

READINGS:
Revelation 1:4b–8; John 18:33–37
Daniel 7:9–10,13–14; Psalm 93

Aim: to celebrate Christ as King

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29 NOVEMBER Advent Sunday

READINGS:
1 Thessalonians 3:9–13; Luke 21:25–36
Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25:1–10

Aim: to explore how we wait for the Lord's promised return

6 DECEMBER Second Sunday of Advent

READINGS:
Malachi 3:1–4; Luke 3:1–6
Luke 1:68–79 (Benedictus); Philippians 1:3–11

Aim: to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Jesus

13 DECEMBER Third Sunday of Advent

READINGS:
Zephaniah 3:14–20; **Luke 3:7–18**
Isaiah 12:2–6 (Canticle); Philippians 4:4–7

Aim: to proclaim the good news of repentance and forgiveness as we wait for Jesus to come

20 DECEMBER Fourth Sunday of Advent

READINGS:
Micah 5:2–5a; **Luke 1:39–45 [46–55]**
(Luke 1:46b–55 (Magnificat) or Psalm 80:1–7; Hebrews 10:5–10

Aim: to celebrate the good news that God is drawing near to us in Jesus

25 DECEMBER Christmas Day

READINGS:
Isaiah 52:7–10; Luke 2:1–14
Psalm 98; John 1:1–14

Aim: to proclaim the good news that Jesus is born

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27 DECEMBER First Sunday after Christmas

READINGS:
Colossians 3:12–17; Luke 2:41–52
1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26; Psalm 148

Aim: to set out to follow the example of Jesus in goodness and wisdom

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