

Bible readings and Collects for Sundays



How to find a bible reading.

(a reminder for those who haven't had to do this since Scripture lessons at school)

Check the index in your bible to find out if it numbers all the pages consecutively, or starts again for the New Testament.

Before Easter the first Reading is from the Old Testament. After Easter all but the Psalms are from the New Testament.

Look at the name of the book that you need to find

Numbers before the name of the book are part of the name (to distinguish between multiple books with the same name eg 1 & 2 Samuel)

Use the index to find which page the book you are looking for starts on, and turn to that page.

The first number after the name of the book (before the dot) is the chapter number.

Most bibles use a large print number in the text at the beginning of each chapter. Many also write the book name and chapters on that page at the top of each page to help you find your way around (This is especially helpful in the longer books).

Turn over the pages until you find the start of the chapter you are looking for.

The numbers after the dot are the verse numbers, which are indicated by small numbers in the text often raised above the line of the text to stop them interrupting the flow of reading. Once you've found the chapter look for the verses that you need to start and end at.

Examples:

Straight forward

1 Samuel 16.1-13

Book= 1st book of Samuel (in the Old Testament)

Chapter =16 Verses 1-13

More complicated

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Book= 1st letter of Peter (in the New Testament)

Chapter 4 verses 12-14 then skip a chunk and re-start at chapter 5 verses 5 and 6.

Acts 2.14a,36-41

Book= Acts of the Apostles (in the New Testament)

Chapter 2 Verse **14a**- means the first sentence of verse 14, then skip a chunk and restart at verse 36 and read until verse 41

A comma means skip a chunk, a or b means first or last sentence of the verse.

Don't worry if you don't find exactly the right passage- St Paul assure us that "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" so whatever you read will help you to grow closer to God.

Date	Readings	Collect Prayer
Sun 22 Mar 2020 The Fourth Sunday of Lent	1 Samuel 16.1-13 Ephesians 5.8-14 Psalm 23 John 9.1-41	Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Sun 29 Mar 2020 The Fifth Sunday of Lent	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Romans 8.6-11 Psalm 130 John 11.1-45	Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Sun 5 Apr 2020 Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50.4-9a Philippians 2.5-11 Psalm 31.9-16 Matthew 26.14 – 27.66	True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen
Sun 12 Apr 2020 Easter Day Principal Feast	Acts 10.34-43 Colossians 3.1-4 Psalm 118.1-2,14-24 Matthew 28.1-10	God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen
Sun 19 Apr 2020 The Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 2.14a,22-32 1 Peter 1.3-9 Psalm 16 John 20.19-31	Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen
Sun 26 Apr 2020 The Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2.14a,36-41 1 Peter 1.17-23 Psalm 116.1-3,10-17 Luke 24.13-35	Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen
Sun 3 May 2020 The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2.42-47 1 Peter 2.19-25 Psalm 23 John 10.1-10	Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen
Sun 10 May 2020 The Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 7.55-60 1 Peter 2.2-10 Psalm 31.1-5,15-16 John 14.1-14	Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen
Sun 17 May 2020 The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17.22-31 Psalm 66.7-18 1 Peter 3.13-22 John 14.15-21	Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen
Sun 24 May 2020 Sunday after Ascension Day	Acts 1.6-14 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 Psalm 68.1-10,32-35 John 17.1-11	Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen
Sun 31 May 2020 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 Psalm 104.26-36,37b John 20.19-23	Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen