

### The three-year programme of readings

The main programme of readings runs from 7 January to 26 November,  
reading through one gospel and a series of epistles each year, on a three-year cycle

<b>Gospel</b>			<b>Epistle</b>		
Year A	Year B	Year C	Year A	Year B	Year C
1	John		Titus	Ephesians	Hebrews
			1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians
	Mark				
			Romans	2 Corinthians	Galatians
Matthew		Luke			Colossians
	John			Ephesians	Hebrews
				James	Philemon
	Mark		Philippians		1 Timothy
			1 Thessalonians	Hebrews	2 Timothy
34	John		Ephesians	Revelation	Colossians
34					

*Events or parables appearing in more than one gospel may appear only once in the three year cycle*

An Old Testament reading each Sunday helps illustrate the gospel reading for the day

## Numbering

SSRA gives the Sundays of the main programme  
the numbers 1 to 34, with the name 'Ordinary Time' (as in LFM)

This serves to highlight the systematic reading of the gospel  
and epistles for the year, across these 34 Sundays

Some lectionaries have different naming and numbering systems for the same 34 Sundays,  
variously calling them 'Propers', 'after Epiphany', 'before Lent', 'after Trinity', 'before Advent',  
and 'of the Kingdom' – sometimes with different definitions of Ordinary Time –  
*but they are the same Sundays, with the same readings*

### The main programme pauses for an Easter series, kept in real time

from the entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (one week before Easter Day)  
to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (seven weeks after Easter Day)

plus five weeks of readings in preparation (called Sundays of Lent)  
and Trinity Sunday to reflect on it all – making fifteen Sundays in all

*The primary theme of Lent is the joyful anticipation of the triumph of Easter,  
and this is reflected in the readings for the season – any penitential theme is secondary*

	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
Lent 1	Year A fall, Year B flood, Year C salvation		Temptations of Jesus in the wilderness
Lent 2	The faith of Abraham		The Transfiguration
Lent 3	Readings from the history of Israel and the prophets	Salvation in Christ - readings from Saint Paul and Hebrews	Readings from John (and Luke in Year C)
Lent 4			
Lent 5			
Palm Sunday			
Easter Day	The Resurrection		
Easter 2	The Acts of the Apostles Year A the early days in Jerusalem Year B the emerging inclusion of the gentiles Year C the ministry of Saint Paul	Year A: 1 Peter Year B: 1 John Year C: Revelation	Resurrection appearances including Year A road to Emmaus, Year B Jerusalem, Year C lakeside
Easter 3			Good Shepherd Sunday – readings from John 10
Easter 4			Preparing for Pentecost with Jesus' teachings and prayers for the future church - different sections each year from John 13-17
Easter 5			
Easter 6			
Easter 7	The day of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit		
Pentecost	God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit		
Trinity Sunday			

**Finally a Christmas series runs from 27 November through to 6 January**, to include the four  
Sundays of Advent, the twelve days of Christmas, and the visit of the Magi on 6 January, the Epiphany

*The year letter changes on the first Sunday of Advent*

*Readings are also provided for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday,  
Good Friday, Ascension Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day*