

A simple guide to Bible reading

Below is a simple and I hope helpful method for getting the most out of our daily Bible reading. Why not journal your thoughts?

Read. Read the passage, slowly, line by line, several times.

What strikes you?

Think. What does it say about (i) God's character, (ii) human nature, behaviour and tendencies, (iii) Jesus, the gospel and his grace and how it empowers growth and change?

Are there commands to obey or examples to follow / avoid or promises to claim etc.?

Note. What does this mean *for me*?

What calls forth praise / confession / petition?

How, by God's grace, would my life be different if I was able to fully take this passage in and live it out?

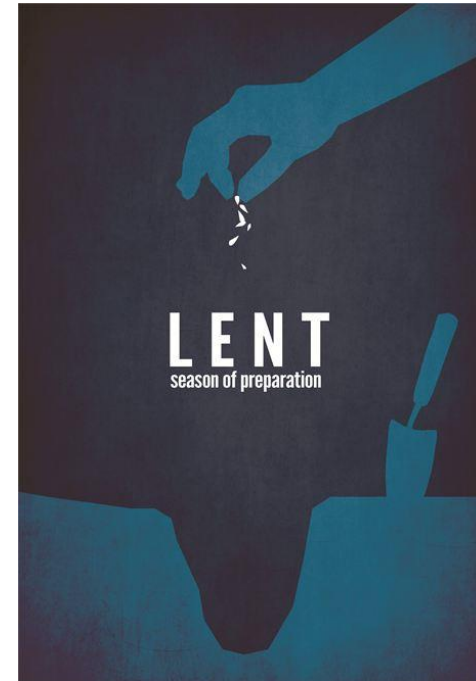
Pray. Pray through what you have noted.

Like last year I am going to be posting my thoughts on the readings daily on the St Andrew's Facebook page here –

<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsoxford>

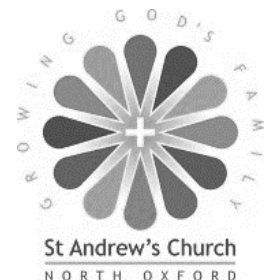
Please do join me and post your thoughts too if you would like – that way we'll generate a real sense of reading these passages together and mutually encouraging one another. (If you'd like to post something and are not sure how, please do contact Jules in the office).

My prayer is that God would speak to each and every one of us this Lent – both through his word and through each other as we reflect together on his word.



A Season of Preparation

2017 Lent Bible Reading Plan



Historically, Christians have valued Lent as a season of preparation. It is a time to prioritise personal Bible reading, reflection and prayer as we prepare to remember afresh the saving acts of God fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus. We not only remember but rejoice in them afresh.

Bible Reading Plan

Reverence: The holiness of God

- Wednesday, March 1** | Exodus 3: 1-6
- Thursday, March 2** | Psalm 99
- Friday, March 3** | Isaiah 6: 1-4
- Saturday, March 4** | Ephesians 1: 3-10
- Sunday, March 5** | Sunday worship

Repentance: Turning from our sin

- Monday, March 6** | Genesis 3: 1-13
- Tuesday, March 7** | Psalm 51
- Wednesday, March 8** | Isaiah 45: 22-25
- Thursday, March 9** | Mark 1: 9-15
- Friday, March 10** | Hebrews 3: 7-19
- Saturday, March 11** | 1 John 1: 8-10
- Sunday, March 12** | Sunday worship

Remission: Forgiveness from God

- Monday, March 13** | Leviticus 16: 20-22
- Tuesday, March 14** | Psalm 103
- Wednesday, March 15** | Isaiah 6: 1-8; 53: 1-6
- Thursday, March 16** | Mark 2: 1-12
- Friday, March 17** | Romans 3: 21-26
- Saturday, March 18** | 1 John 2: 1-2
- Sunday, March 19** | Sunday worship

Renewal: The renewal of man

- Monday, March 20** | Numbers 6: 22-27

- Tuesday, March 21** | Psalm 1
- Wednesday, March 22** | Jeremiah 31: 31-34
- Thursday, March 23** | John 15: 1-17
- Friday, March 24** | Romans 12: 1-2
- Saturday, March 25** | Colossians 3: 1-14
- Sunday, March 26** | Sunday worship

Reliance: Our dependence on God

- Monday, March 27** | Proverbs 3: 5-6
- Tuesday, March 28** | Psalm 146
- Wednesday, March 29** | Jeremiah 17: 5-8
- Thursday, March 30** | Matthew 6: 25-34
- Friday, March 31** | Philippians 4: 4-7
- Saturday, April 1** | Hebrews 4: 14-16
- Sunday, April 2** | Sunday worship

Restoration: The restoration of all things

- Monday, April 3** | Psalm 16
- Tuesday, April 4** | Daniel 7
- Wednesday, April 5** | Isaiah 65: 17-25
- Thursday, April 6** | Mark 14: 61-65
- Friday, April 7** | Revelation 21: 1-5, 22-27
- Saturday, April 8** | Revelation 22: 1-7
- Sunday, April 9** | Sunday worship

Redemption: Our redemption accomplished

- Monday, April 10** | Mark 14: 66-72
- Tuesday, April 11** | Mark 15: 1-15
- Wednesday, April 12** | Mark 15: 16-20
- Thursday, April 13** | Mark 15: 21-32
- Friday, April 14** | Mark 15: 33-41
- Saturday, April 15** | Mark 15: 42-47
- Sunday, April 16** | Easter Sunday! (Mark 16: 1-8)