



# LECTIONARY & CALENDAR

2015-2016

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YEAR C – LUKE



# Calendar and Lectionary

## Introduction

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### Calendar

This Calendar shows the dates of the church's festivals in the current year. It also shows dates of other important national, international and ecumenical celebrations and days of remembrance.

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### Lectionary

The Lectionary is a method by which, over a period of three years, much of the *Bible* is read aloud in Church.

Full coverage requires Bible readings every day of the year. This Lectionary, being oriented towards worship, includes readings for every Sunday and major festivals when they fall during the week. The one exception to this is Holy Week, which is given in full.

This Lectionary and Calendar follows the *Common Lectionary Revised (1992)* produced by the ecumenical liturgical body the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), and is produced by permission of the CCT as a service to parishes and preachers. Neither the MCNZ nor the PCANZ is responsible for the inclusion or exclusion of any particular reading. No reading is mandatory and inclusion of any particular passage does not necessarily imply its suitability as a theme for worship. Some readings need to be used with particular sensitivity especially in light of, for example, new understandings of gender roles, and the church's relationship with other faiths.

From 2008 the Season of Creation is included in the Lectionary in response to a growing concern in Christian communities over the way human beings have treated God's earth. The Season of Creation runs from the 1st of September to (usually) the 2nd Sunday in October. Details are shown in the "Additional Readings" section on page 11. From 2009 Matariki and Disability Sunday are also included in this section.

Broadly speaking, each year is ordered according to the liturgical year, observing the church seasons such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

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<b>Advent</b>	The season of preparation which begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and in which the church recalls its hope and expectancy in the comings of Christ, past, present and future.
<b>Christmas</b>	The Christmas-Epiphany season includes Christmas Day and the twelve following days of Christmas. Recalling the stories of the birth and infancy of Christ, the church celebrates the mystery of the incarnation.
<b>Epiphany</b>	The period of several weeks in which the church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all peoples.
<b>Lent</b>	The season of preparation and discipline, which begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sun-down on Holy Saturday. During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the church remembers the sacrificial life and ministry of Jesus leading to the cross and renews its commitment to Christian discipleship.
<b>Easter</b>	The Great Fifty Days of the Easter-Pentecost season include eight Sundays. Beginning on Easter Day and concluding on the Day of Pentecost, this season celebrates the resurrection and ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
<b>Pentecost</b>	The period during which the church recalls its faith in God the Holy Trinity and seeks to relate its faith as the people of God to Christ's mission to the world.
<b>Ordinary Readings</b>	Year A in the three year cycle of readings is referred to as "The Year of Matthew", Year B "Mark", and Year C "Luke". Readings from John's Gospel are included mainly in Lent and Easter. Generally, the Gospel reading sets the theme for the day. The other three readings are chosen to complement the Gospel reading in a variety of ways. Sometimes a 'harmony of theme' is followed; sometimes one reading is a 'comment' or meditation upon another. At other times readings appear because of the eucharistic nature of Sunday worship or to maintain a semi-continuous reading of a long passage.

<b>Additional Readings</b>	Dates shown with an asterisk (*) alongside denote special occasions, which are listed at the back of the Lectionary. Preachers are encouraged to read and make use of parallel passages alongside the given Gospel reading, where they occur.
<b>Terminology</b>	In keeping with modern understandings of Scripture and sensitivity to other traditions, readers of the Bible in worship are encouraged to indicate that they are about to give “a reading...” (from, eg, Ps 119, the book of Genesis, John’s Gospel) rather than unnecessarily referring to the Old Testament or New Testament.
<b>Liturgical Colours</b>	These apply to church decorations and the vestments of worship leaders during the church year. The Lectionary shows the basic pattern, although practices vary slightly from place to place.
<b>Index Numbers</b>	Next to each date there is a number (eg 42C). This is the COCU (Consultation on Church Union) indexing system. Due to the moveable feasts in the calendar, the cycle of readings does not exactly repeat every three years. For example, Pentecost 2 in Year B may have different readings from one cycle to the next. The COCU number allows cross referencing to the same readings in a previous cycle. This means that you will be able to access archived copies of previous years’ lectionary resources for a given week.
<p><b>Abbreviations are:</b></p> <p>V = violet or purple (preparation; Advent and Lent)</p> <p>W = white (light, joy; Christmas, Easter, infant baptism, weddings)</p> <p>R = red (fire, Spirit; Pentecost, ordination, induction, sometimes adult baptism, and for the funeral of a ‘saint’ of the Church)</p> <p>G = green (growth; ‘ordinary’ days from Pentecost to Advent)</p>	

# Lectionary and Calendar 2015-2016

Abbreviations and versification are according to the NRSV.

Verse references in brackets indicate optional, extended readings.

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>2015</b>					
<b>ADVENT</b>					
November 29 Advent 1 01C	V	Jer 33: 14-16	Ps 25: 1-10	1 Thes 3: 9-13	Lk 21: 25-36
December 6 Advent 2 02C	V	Bar 5: 1-9 <i>or</i> Mal 3: 1-4	Lk 1: 68-79	Phil 1: 3-11	Lk 3: 1-6
December 13 Advent 3 03C	V	Zeph 3: 14-20	Is 12: 2-6	Phil 4: 4-7	Lk 3: 7-18
December 20 Advent 4 04C	V	Mic 5: 2-5a	Ps 80: 1-7	Heb 10: 5-10	Lk 1: 39-45, (46-55)
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>		Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 05C			
December 24 Christmas Eve	W	Is 9: 2-7	Ps 96	Titus 2: 11-14	Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)
December 25 Christmas Dawn	W	Is 62: 6-12	Ps 97	Titus 3: 4-7	Lk 2: (1-7), 8-20
December 25 Christmas Day	W	Is 52: 7-10	Ps 98	Heb 1: 1-4, (5-12)	Jn 1: 1-14
December 27 Christmas 1 06C	W	1 Sam 2: 18-20, 26	Ps 148	Col 3: 12-17	Lk 2: 41-52
January 3 Christmas 2 07C	W	Jer: 3.1-7	Ps 147: 12.20	Eph 1:3-14	Jn 1: (1-9), 10-18
<b>2016</b>					
<b>EPIPHANY</b>					
January 6 Epiphany 08C <sup>1</sup> [see footnote]	W	Is 60: 1-6	Ps 72: 1-7, 10-14	Eph 3: 1-12	Mt 2: 1-12
January 10 Epiphany 1 09C (Baptism of Jesus)	W	Is 43: 1-7	Ps 29	Acts 8: 14-17	Lk 3: 15-17, 21-22

<sup>1</sup> According to the *Common Lectionary Revised* Epiphany may be celebrated on the date shown or on the first Sunday in January

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
January 17 Epiphany 2 10C	G	Is 62: 1-5	Ps 36: 5-10	1 Cor 12: 1-11	Jn 2: 1-11
January 24 Epiphany 3 11C	G	Neh 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ps 19	1 Cor 12: 12-31a	Lk 4: 14-21
January 31 Epiphany 4 12C	G	Jer 1: 4-10	Ps 71: 1-6	1 Cor 13: 1-13	Lk 4: 21-30
February 7* 13C Transfiguration	W	Ex 34: 29-35	Ps 99	2 Cor 3: 12-4: 2	Lk 9: 28-36, (37-43)
<b>LENT</b>					
February 10 Ash Wednesday 18C	V	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 <i>or</i> Is 58: 1-12	Ps 51: 1-17	2 Cor 5: 20b-6: 10	Mt 6: 1-6, 16-21
February 14 Lent 1 19C	V	Deut 26: 1-11	Ps 91: 1-2, 9-16	Rom 10: 8b-13	Lk 4: 1-13
February 21 Lent 2 20C	V	Gen 15: 1-12, 17-18	Ps 27	Phil 3: 17-4: 1	Lk 13: 31-35 <i>or</i> Lk 9: 28-36
February 28 Lent 3 21C	V	Is 55: 1-9	Ps 63: 1-8	1 Cor 10: 1-13	Lk 13: 1-9
March 6 Lent 4 22C	V	Josh 5: 9-12	Ps 32	2 Cor 5: 16-21	Lk 15: 1-3, 11b-32
March 13 Lent 5 23C	V	Is 43: 16-21	Ps 126	Phil 3: 4b-14	Jn 12: 1-8
March 20 Lent 6 24C Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday	V	None <i>or</i> Is 50: 4-9	Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29 <i>or</i> Ps 31: 9-16	None <i>or</i> Phil 2: 5-11	Palm Lk 19: 28-40 Passion Lk 22: 14-23: 56 <i>or</i> Lk 23: 1-49

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<b>HOLY WEEK</b>					
March 21 Monday 25C	V	Is 42: 1-9	Ps 36: 5-11	Heb 9: 11-15	Jn 12: 1-11
March 22 Tuesday 26C	V	Is 49: 1-7	Ps 71: 1-14	1 Cor 1: 18-31	Jn 12: 20-36
March 23 Wednesday 27C	V	Is 50: 4-9a	Ps 70	Heb 12: 1-3	Jn 13: 21-32
March 24 Maundy Thursday 28C	V	Ex 12: 1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Ps 116: 1-2, 12-19	1 Cor 11: 23-26	Jn 13: 1-17, 31b-35
March 25 Good Friday 29C	V	Is 52: 13- 53: 12	Ps 22	Heb 10: 16-25 <i>or</i> Heb 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9	Jn 18: 1- 19: 42
March 26 Holy Saturday 30C	V	Job 14: 1-14 <i>or</i> Lam 3: 1-9, 19-24	Ps 31: 1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4: 1-8	Mt 27: 57-66 <i>or</i> Jn 19: 38-42
<b>EASTER</b>					
March 27 Easter Dawn 31C	W	Ex 14: 10-31, 15: 20-21	Ps 114	Rom 6: 3-11	Lk 24: 1-12
March 27 Easter Day 31C	W	Acts 10: 34-43 <i>or</i> Is 65: 17-25	Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24	1 Cor 15: 19-26 <i>or</i> Acts 10: 34-43	Jn 20: 1-18 <i>or</i> Lk 24: 1-12
April 3 Easter 2 32C	W	Acts 5: 27-32	Ps 118: 14-29 <i>or</i> Ps 150	Rev 1: 4-8	Jn 20: 19-31
April 10 Easter 3 33C	W	Acts 9: 1-6, (7-20)	Ps 30	Rev 5: 11-14	Jn 21: 1-19
April 17 Easter 4 34C	W	Acts 9: 36-43	Ps 23	Rev 7: 9-17	Jn 10: 22-30
April 24* Easter 5 35C	W	Acts 11: 1-18	Ps 148	Rev 21: 1-6	Jn 13: 31-35
May 1* Easter 6 36C	W	Acts 16: 9-15	Ps 67	Rev 21: 10, 22-22: 5	Jn 14: 23-29 <i>or</i> Jn 5: 1-9



Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
May 5 Ascension 37C <sup>2</sup> [see footnote]	W	Acts 1: 1-11	Ps 47 <i>or</i> Ps 93	Eph 1: 15-23	Lk 24: 44-53
May 8* Easter 7 38C	W	Acts 16: 16-34	Ps 97	Rev 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Jn 17: 20-26
<b>PENTECOST</b>					
May 15* Pentecost 39C	R	Gen 11: 1-9	Ps 104: 24-34, 35b	Acts 2: 1-21	Jn 14: 8-17 (25-27)
May 22* Trinity 40C	W	Prov 8: 1-4, 22-31	Ps 8	Rom 5: 1-5	Jn 16: 12-15
May 29 Pentecost 2 41C	G	1 Kgs 18: 20-21, (22- 29), 30-39	Ps 96	Gal 1: 1-12	Lk 7: 1-10
June 5 Pentecost 3 42C	G	1 Kgs 17: 8-16, (17-24)	Ps 146	Gal 1: 11-24	Lk 7: 11-17
June 12 Pentecost 4 43C	G	1 Kgs 21: 1-10, (11-14), 15-21a	Ps 5: 1-8	Gal 2: 15-21	Lk 7: 36- 8: 3
June 19* Pentecost 5 44C	G	1 Kgs 19: 1-4, (5-7), 8-15a	Ps 42 & 43	Gal 3: 23-29	Lk 8: 26-39
June 26* Pentecost 6 45C	G	2 Kgs 2: 1-2, 6-14	Ps 77: 1-2, 11-20	Gal 5: 1, 13-25	Lk 9: 51-62
July 3* Pentecost 7 46C	G	2 Kgs 5: 1-14	Ps 30	Gal 6: (1-6), 7-16	Lk 10: 1-11, 16-20
July 10 Pentecost 8 47C	G	Amos 7: 7-17	Ps 82	Col 1: 1-14	Lk 10: 25-37
July 17* Pentecost 9 48C	G	Amos 8: 1-12	Ps 52	Col 1: 15-28	Lk 10: 38-42
July 24 Pentecost 10 49C	G	Hos 1: 2-10	Ps 85	Col 2: 6-15, (16-19)	Lk 11: 1-13
July 31 Pentecost 11 50C	G	Hos 11: 1-11	Ps 107: 1-9, 43	Col 3: 1-11	Lk 12: 13-21
August 7* Pentecost 12 51C	G	Is 1: 1, 10-20	Ps 50: 1-8, 22-23	Heb 11: 1-3, 8-16	Lk 12: 32-40

<sup>2</sup> According to the *Common Lectionary Revised* Ascension may be celebrated on the date shown or on Easter 7.

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
August 14* Pentecost 13 52C	G	Is 5: 1-7	Ps 80: 1-2, 8-19	Heb 11: 29-12: 2	Lk 12: 49-56
August 21* Pentecost 14 53C	G	Jer 1: 4-10	Ps 71: 1-6	Heb 12: 18-29	Lk 13: 10-17
August 28 Pentecost 15 54C	G	Jer 2: 4-13	Ps 81: 1, 10-16	Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16	Lk 14: 1, 7-14
<b>CREATION</b>					
September 4* Pentecost 16 55C	G	Jer 18: 1-11	Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1: 1-21	Lk 14: 25-33
September 11 Pentecost 17 56C	G	Jer 4: 11-12, 22-28	Ps 14	1 Tim 1: 12-17	Lk 15: 1-10
September 18 Pentecost 18 57C	G	Jer 8: 18-9: 1	Ps 79: 1-9	1 Tim 2: 1-7	Lk 16: 1-13
September 25* Pentecost 19 58C	G	Jer 32: 1-3a, 6-15	Ps 91: 1-6, 14-16	1 Tim 6: 6-19	Lk 16: 19-31
October 2* Pentecost 20 59C	G	Lam 1: 1-6	Ps 37: 1-9 or Ps 137	2 Tim 1: 1-14	Lk 17: 5-10
October 9* Pentecost 21 60C	G	Jer 29: 1, 4-7	Ps 66: 1-12	2 Tim 2: 8-15	Lk 17: 11-19
October 16* Pentecost 22 61C	G	Jer 31: 27-34	Ps 119: 97-104	2 Tim 3: 14-4: 5	Lk 18: 1-8
October 23* Pentecost 23 62C	G	Joel 2: 23-32	Ps 65	2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18	Lk 18: 9-14
October 30* Pentecost 24 64C	G	Hab 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4	Ps 119: 137-144	2 Thes 1: 1-4, 11-12	Lk 19: 1-10
November 1 All Saints 63C <sup>3</sup> [see footnote]	W	Dan 7: 1-3, 15-18	Ps 149	Eph 1: 11-23	Lk 6: 20-31

<sup>3</sup> According to the *Common Lectionary Revised* All Saints may be celebrated on the date shown or on the first Sunday in November

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
November 6 Pentecost 25 65C	G	Haggai 1: 15b-2: 9	Ps 145: 1-5, 17-21, or Ps 98	2 Thes 2: 1-5, 13-17	Lk 20: 27-38
November 13 Pentecost 26 66C	G	Is 65: 17-25	Is 12	2 Thes 3: 6-13	Lk 21: 5-19
November 20 Reign of Christ 67C	W	Jer 23: 1-6	Lk 1: 68-79	Col 1: 11-20	Lk 23: 33-43

# Additional Readings

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>Watchnight or End of Year Service</b>	Eccl 3: 1-15	Ps 90	1 Thes 5: 1-11	Mt 24: 32-51
<b>New Year's Service</b>	Eccl 3: 1-13	Ps 8	Rev 21: 1-6a	Mt 25: 31-46
First full week of the year (Monday to Saturday) – Tongan and Samoan Methodists hold meetings for prayer, morning and evening in preparation for the coming year.				
<b>Covenant Sunday</b>	Jer 31: 31-33 <i>or</i> Deut 7: 7-11	Ps 25: 4-15	Rom 12: 1-2	Jn 15:1-8
<b>Waitangi Day – or</b> Sunday nearest 6 Feb	Deut 10: 12-21	Ps 144: 9-15	1 Cor 1: 26-31	Mt 6: 19-24
<b>World Day of Prayer – 1st Friday in March</b>				
<b>Anzac Day – or</b> Sunday nearest 25 April:	Is 52: 7-12	Ps 76	Eph 6: 10-20	Lk 6: 27-36
<b>Faka-Me – 1st Sunday in May: Special Sunday for Tongan children and youth.</b>				
<b>Home and Family Sunday – 2nd Sunday in</b> May (Mother's Day)	Is 66: 10-13	Ps 84: 1-4	1 Jn 4: 7-12, 20-21	Lk 2: 40-52
<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday</b>				
<b>Wesley Day – Sunday</b> preceding/on 24 May	Is 12: 1-6	Ps 130	2 Peter 1: 1-11	Mt 9: 35-10: 16
<b>Asia Sunday – Sunday before Pentecost</b>				
<b>World Refugee Day – 20 June (or the Sunday immediately after)</b>				
<b>Matariki – 6 June 2016</b>				
<b>Disability Sunday – 3rd Sunday in June</b>				
<b>Bible Sunday – Is now Bible month. Use a Sunday in July to promote the Scriptures (Worship and Christian Education resources available annually from the Bible Society)</b>				
<b>Maori Language Week – begins Monday of the 4th week in July</b>				

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>Hiroshima Day</b> (6 August ) <b>or Peace Sunday</b> (Sunday nearest 6 Aug)	Micah 4: 1-4	Ps 85	2 Cor 5: 16-20	Jn 20: 19-21 <i>or</i> Mt 5: 1-12
<b>Lay Preachers' Sunday</b> – 2nd Sunday in August				
<b>Youth Sunday</b> – 3rd or 4th Sunday in August				
<b>Season of Creation</b> <i>2016 theme: Wisdom in Creation</i>				
September 1	Creation Day			
September 4	1st Sunday in Creation		Ocean Sunday	
September 11	2nd Sunday in Creation		Flora & Fauna Sunday	
September 18	3rd Sunday in Creation		Storm Sunday	
September 25	4th Sunday in Creation		Social Justice Sunday	
October 2	5th Sunday in Creation		Blessing of the Animals	
October 3	St Francis of Assisi Day			
October 9	Final Sunday in Creation		Cosmos Sunday	
<i>Online resources from <a href="http://www.seasonofcreation.com">www.seasonofcreation.com</a></i>				
<b>Fathers' Day</b> – 1st Sunday in September	Gen 37: 19-24, 29-35	Ps 103: 6-13	Eph 6: 1-4	Mt 1: 18-25
<b>Citizenship Sunday</b> – 4th Sunday in September.				
<b>World Communion Sunday</b> – 1st Sunday in October:	Jer 1: 4-10	Ps 96	1 Peter 2: 4-10	Mt 28: 16-20
<b>White Sunday</b> – 2nd Sunday in October: Special Sunday for Samoan children and youth.				
<b>Week of Prayer for World Peace</b> – 3rd to 4th Sunday in October.				
<b>Industrial Sunday</b> – Sunday preceding Labour Day (4th Monday in October). In Methodist Churches the “Social Principles” may be read.				
<b>Reformers of the Church</b> – 31 October (or Sunday nearest)	Amos 5: 14-24	Ps 106: 1-12	1 Peter 2: 1-10	Lk 6: 46-49

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>Spring or Flower Services</b>	Gen 1: 1-5, 11-13	Ps 104	1 Cor 3: 1-9	Mt 13: 24-30
<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b>	Deut 26: 1-11	Ps 126	Gal 6: 6-10	Mt 13: 1-13, 18-23
<b>Dedication of Buildings</b>	Is 56: 1-7	Ps 150	Heb 10: 19-25	Mt 21: 12-16
<b>Church Anniversary</b>	Ex 13: 3-10	Ps 84	1 Peter 2: 1-5	Mt 21: 12-16
<b>Members' Sunday</b>	Joshua 24: 1-24	Ps 105: 1-11	1 Cor 12: 12-27	Mt 22: 1-14
<b>Induction Service</b>	Is 40: 1-9	Ps 96	2 Tim 1: 8-14	Mt 9: 35-38
<b>Vocations Sunday</b>	Jer 1: 1-10	Ps 139: 1-18, 23-24	1 Cor 12: 4-13	Mk 10: 35-45

Suggested readings for other occasional services of the church, such as Infant and Adult Baptism, Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child and Confirmation, are included in the published liturgies of the MCNZ, available from the Connexional Office and on the website.



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