



LECTIONARY & CALENDAR

2013-2014

YEAR A — MATTHEW

Calendar and Lectionary

Introduction

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.

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.

Advent	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.
Christmas	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.
Epiphany	The period of several weeks in which the church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all peoples.
Lent	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.
Easter	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.
Pentecost	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.
Ordinary Readings	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.

Additional Readings	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.
Terminology	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.
Liturgical Colours	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.
<p>Abbreviations are:</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>	

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Abbreviations and versification are according to the New RSV.

Verse references in brackets indicate optional, extended readings.

Date	Clr	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
2013					
ADVENT					
December 1 Advent 1	V	Is 2: 1-5	Ps 122	Rom 13: 11-14	Mt 24: 36-44
December 8 Advent 2	V	Is 11: 1-10	Ps 72: 1-7, 18-19	Rom 15: 4-13	Mt 3: 1-12
December 15 Advent 3	V	Is 35: 1-10	Ps 146: 5-10 <i>or</i> Lk 1: 47-55	James 5: 7-10	Mt 11: 2-11
December 22 Advent 4	V	Is 7: 10-16	Ps 80: 1-7, 17-19	Rom 1: 1-7	Mt 1: 18-25
CHRISTMAS					
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 29 Christmas 1	W	Is 63: 7-9	Ps 148	Heb 2: 10-18	Mt 2: 13-23
2014					
January 5 Christmas 2	W	Jer 31:7-14 <i>or</i> Sirach 24: 1-12	Ps 147 <i>or</i> Wis Sol 10: 15-21	Eph 1: 3-14	Jn 1: (1-9), 10-18
EPIPHANY					
January 6 Epiphany ¹ [see footnote]	W	Is 60: 1-6	Ps 72: 1-7, 10-14	Eph 3: 1-12	Mt 2: 1-12
January 12 Epiphany 1 (Baptism of Jesus)	W	Is 42: 1-9	Ps 29	Acts 10: 34-43	Mt 3: 13-17

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

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January 19 Epiphany 2	G	Is 49: 1-7	Ps 40: 1-11	1 Cor 1: 1-9	Jn 1: 29-42
January 26 Epiphany 3	G	Is 9: 1-4	Ps 27: 1, 4-9	1 Cor 1: 10-18	Mt 4: 12-23
February 2 Epiphany 4	G	Micah 6: 1-8	Ps 15	1 Cor 1: 18-31	Mt 5: 1-12
February 9 Epiphany 5	G	Is 58: 1-9a (9b-12)	Ps 112: 1-9 (10)	1 Cor 2: 1-12 (13-16)	Mt 5: 13-20
February 16 Epiphany 6	G	Deut 30: 15-20 <i>or</i> Sirach 15: 15-20	Ps 119: 1-8	1 Cor 3: 1-9	Mt 5: 21-37
February 23 Epiphany 7	G	Lev 19: 1-2, 9-18	Ps 119: 33-40	1 Cor 3: 10-11, 16-23	Mt 5: 38-48
March 2 Transfiguration	W	Ex 24: 12-18	Ps 2 <i>or</i> Ps 99	2 Peter 1: 16-21	Mt 17: 1-9
LENT					
March 5 Ash Wednesday	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
March 9 Lent 1	V	Gen 2: 15-17 3: 1-7	Ps 32	Rom 5: 12-19	Mt 4: 1-11
March 16 Lent 2	V	Gen 12: 1-4a	Ps 121	Rom 4: 1-5, 13-17	Jn 3: 1-17 <i>or</i> Mt 17: 1-9
March 23 Lent 3	V	Ex 17: 1-7	Ps 95	Rom 5: 1-11	Jn 4: 5-42
March 30 Lent 4	V	1 Sam 16: 1-13	Ps 23	Eph 5: 8-14	Jn 9: 1-41
April 6 Lent 5	V	Ez 37: 1-14	Ps 130	Rom 8: 6-11	Jn 11: 1-45
April 13 Lent 6 Palm Sunday <i>or</i> Passion Sunday	V	None <i>or</i> Is 50: 4-9a	Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29 <i>or</i> Ps 31: 9-16	None <i>or</i> Phil 2: 5-11	<i>Palm</i> Mt 21: 1-11 <i>Passion</i> Mt 26: 14-27: 66 <i>or</i> Mt 27: 11-54

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HOLY WEEK					
April 14 Monday	V	Is 42: 1-9	Ps 36: 5-11	Heb 9: 11-15	Jn 12: 1-11
April 15 Tuesday	V	Is 49: 1-7	Ps 71: 1-14	1 Cor 1: 18-31	Jn 12: 20-36
April 16 Wednesday	V	Is 50: 4-9a	Ps 70	Heb 12: 1-3	Jn 13: 21-32
April 17 Maundy Thursday	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
April 18 Good Friday	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
April 19 Holy Saturday	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
EASTER					
April 20 Easter Dawn	W	Ex 14: 10-31; 15: 20-21	Ps 114	Rom 6: 3-11	Mt 28: 1-10
April 20 Easter Day	W	Acts 10: 34-43 <i>or</i> Jer 31: 1-6	Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24	Col 3: 1-4 <i>or</i> Acts 10: 34-43	Jn 20: 1-18 <i>or</i> Mt 28: 1-10
April 27 Easter 2	W	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32	Ps 16	1 Peter 1: 3-9	Jn 20: 19-31
May 4 Easter 3	W	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	Ps 116: 1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1: 17-23	Lk 24: 13-35
May 11 Easter 4	W	Acts 2: 42-47	Ps 23	1 Peter 2: 19-25	Jn 10: 1-10
May 18 Easter 5	W	Acts 7: 55-60	Ps 31: 1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2: 2-10	Jn 14: 1-14

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May 25 Easter 6	W	Acts 17: 22-31	Ps 66: 8-20	1 Peter 3: 13-22	Jn 14: 15-21
May 29 Ascension ² [see footnote]	W	Acts 1: 1-11	Ps 47 <i>or</i> Ps 93	Eph 1: 15-23	Lk 24: 44-53
June 1 Easter 7	W	Acts 1: 6-14	Ps 68: 1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11	Jn 17: 1-11
PENTECOST					
June 8 Pentecost	R	Acts 2: 1-21 <i>or</i> Num 11: 24-30	Ps 104: 24-34, 35b	1 Cor 12: 3b-13 <i>or</i> Acts 2: 1-21	Jn 20: 19-23 <i>or</i> Jn 7: 37-39
June 15 Trinity	W	Gen 1: 1– 2: 4a	Ps 8	2 Cor 13: 11-13	Mt 28: 16-20
June 22 Pentecost 2	G	Gen 21: 8-21	Ps 86: 1-10, 16-17	Rm 6: 1b-11	Mt 10: 34-39
June 29 Pentecost 3	G	Gen 22: 1-14	Ps 13	Rm 6: 12-23	Mt 10: 40-42
July 6 Pentecost 4	G	Gen 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Ps 45: 10-17 <i>or</i> Song Sol 2: 8-13	Rm 7: 15-25a	Mt 11: 16-19, 25-30
July 13 Pentecost 5	G	Gen 25: 19-34	Ps 119: 105-112	Rm 8: 1-11	Mt 13: 1-9, 18-23
July 20 Pentecost 6	G	Gen 28: 10-19a	Ps 139: 1-12, 23-24	Rm 8: 12-25	Mt 13: 24-30, 36-43
July 27 Pentecost 7	G	Gen 29: 15-28	Ps 105: 1-11, 45b <i>or</i> Ps 128	Rm 8: 26-39	Mt 13: 31-33, 44-52
August 3 Pentecost 8	G	Gen 32: 22-31	Ps 17: 1-7, 15	Rm 9: 1-5	Mt 14: 13-21
August 10 Pentecost 9	G	Gen 37: 1-4, 12-28	Ps 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b	Rm 10: 5-15	Mt 14: 22-33

² 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 17 Pentecost 10	G	Gen 45: 1-15	Ps 133	Rm 11: 1-2a, 29-32	Mt 15: (10-20), 21-28
August 24 Pentecost 11	G	Ex 1: 8- 2: 10	Ps 124	Rm 12: 1-8	Mt 16: 13-20
CREATION					
August 31 Pentecost 12	G	Ex 3: 1-15	Ps 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c	Rm 12: 9-21	Mt 16: 21-28
September 7 Pentecost 13	G	Ex 12: 1-14	Ps 149	Rm 13: 8-14	Mt 18: 15-20
September 14 Pentecost 14	G	Ex 14: 19-31	Ps 114 <i>or</i> Ex 15: 1b-11, 20-21	Rm 14: 1-12	Mt 18: 21-35
September 21 Pentecost 15	G	Ex 16: 2-15	Ps 105: 1-6, 37-45	Phil 1: 21-30	Mt 20: 1-16
September 28 Pentecost 16	G	Ex 17: 1-7	Ps 78: 1-4, 12-16	Phil 2: 1-13	Mt 21: 23-32
October 5 Pentecost 17	G	Ex 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Ps 19	Phil 3: 4b-14	Mt 21: 33-46
October 12 Pentecost 18	G	Ex 32: 1-14	Ps 106: 1-6, 19-23	Phil 4: 1-9	Mt 22: 1-14
October 19 Pentecost 19	G	Ex 33: 12-23	Ps 99	1 Thes 1: 1-10	Mt 22: 15-22
October 26 Pentecost 20	G	Deut 34: 1-12	Ps 90: 1-6, 13-17	1 Thes 2: 1-8	Mt 22: 34-46
November 1 All Saints ³ [see footnote]	W	Rev 7: 9-17	Ps 34: 1-10, 22	1 Jn 3: 1-3	Mt 5: 1-12
November 2 Pentecost 21	G	Josh 3: 7-17	Ps 107: 1-7, 33-37	1 Thes 2: 9-13	Mt 23: 1-12
November 9 Pentecost 22	G	Josh 24: 1-3a, 14-25	Ps 78: 1-7	1 Thes 4: 13-18	Mt 25: 1-13
November 16 Pentecost 23	G	Judg 4: 1-7	Ps 123	1 Thes 5: 1-11	Mt 25: 14-30
November 23 Pentecost 24 Reign of Christ	W	Ez 34: 11-16, 20-24	Ps 100	Eph 1: 15-23	Mt 25: 31-46

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

Additional Readings

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Watchnight or End of Year Service	Eccl 3: 1-15	Ps 90	1 Thes 5: 1-11	Mt 24: 32-51
New Year's Service	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.				
Covenant Sunday	Jer 31: 31-33 <i>or</i> Deut 7: 7-11	Ps 25: 4-15	Rom 12: 1-2	Jn 15: 1-8
Waitangi Day – or Sunday nearest 6th Feb	Deut 10: 12-21	Ps 144: 9-15	1 Cor 1: 26-31	Mt 6: 19-24
World Day of Prayer – 1st Friday in March				
Anzac Day – or Sunday nearest 25th April:	Is 52: 7-12	Ps 76	Eph 6: 10-20	Lk 6: 27-36
Faka-Me – 1st Sunday in May: Special Sunday for Tongan children and youth.				
Home and Family Sunday – 2nd Sunday in May (Mother's Day)	Is 66: 10-13	Ps 84: 1-4	1 Jn 4: 7-12, 20-21	Lk 2: 40-52
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday				
Wesley Day – Sunday preceding / on 24 May	Is 12: 1-6	Ps 130	2 Peter 1: 1-11	Mt 9: 35-10: 16
Asia Sunday – Sunday before Pentecost				
World Refugee Day – June 20 (or the Sunday immediately after)				
Matariki – June 28, 2014				
Disability Sunday – 3rd Sunday in June				

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Bible Sunday – 3rd Sunday in July (Worship and Christian Education resources available annually from the Bible Society)				
Maori Language Week – begins Monday of the 4th week in July				
Hiroshima Day (August 6) <i>or</i> Peace Sunday (Sunday nearest Aug 6)	Micah 4: 1-4	Ps 85	2 Cor 5: 16-20	Jn 20: 19-21 <i>or</i> Mt 5: 1-12
Lay Preachers' Sunday – 2nd Sunday in August				
Youth Sunday – 3rd or 4th Sunday in August				
Season of Creation 2014 theme: The Spirit in Creation				
August 31	Creation Day			
September 7	1st Sunday in Creation		Forest Sunday	
September 14	2nd Sunday in Creation		Land Sunday	
September 21	3rd Sunday in Creation		High Country Sunday	
September 28	4th Sunday in Creation		River Sunday	
October 5	St Francis of Assisi Day			
October 5	5th Sunday in Creation		Blessing of the Animals	
October 12	Final Sunday in Creation			
<i>Online resources from www.seasonofcreation.com</i>				
Fathers' Day – 1st Sunday in September	Gen 37: 19-24, 29-35	Ps 103: 6-13	Eph 6: 1-4	Mt 1: 18-25
Citizenship Sunday – 4th Sunday in September.				
World Communion Sunday – 1st Sunday in October:	Jer 1: 4-10	Ps 96	1 Peter 2: 4-10	Mt 28: 16-20
White Sunday – 2nd Sunday in October: Special Sunday for Samoan children and youth.				
Week of Prayer for World Peace – 3rd to 4th Sunday in October.				
Industrial Sunday – Sunday preceding Labour Day (4th Monday in October). In Methodist Churches the "Social Principles" may be read.				
Reformers of the Church – October 31 (or Sunday nearest)	Amos 5: 14-24	Ps 106: 1-12	1 Peter 2: 1-10	Lk 6: 46-49

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