Overview of lectionary readings (year B) and themes 2011-2012

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), used by many denominations across the world, is a common framework from which to read the Bible on Sundays. The RCL provides a three-year cycle offering a reading from the Old Testament, a psalm, a reading from a Gospel and a reading from one of the letters or Acts each week.
The ROOTS resources usually focus on one of the readings, exploring a common theme across the two magazines. In the Adult & All Age magazine, an Alternative thread of sermon notes on another of the readings is shown in italics.
We offer alternative resources on the website when the readings in the Church of England's Common Worship Lectionary differ from the RCL.

ADVENT Four weeks in which we consider the promised Messiah though the lens of Old Testament expectation.				
27 November 2011	Waiting with courage *The end*	Isaiah 64.1-9 Mark 13.24-37	Advent 1	Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64.1-9 Psalm: Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19 New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Gospel: Mark 13.24-37
04 December 2011	Waiting with patience *The beginning of the Gospel*	Isaiah 40.1-11 Mark 1.1-8	Advent 2	Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11 Psalm: Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13 New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-15a Gospel: Mark 1.1-8
11 December 2011	Waiting for joy *A witness sent by God*	Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11 John 1.6-8,19-28	Advent 3	Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11 Psalm : Psalm 126 or Canticle : Luke 1.47-55 New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 Gospel: John 1.6-8,19-28
18 December 2011	Waiting with faithfulness *What kind of kingship?*	Luke 1.26-38 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16	Advent 4	Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16 Psalm: Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26 or Canticle: Luke 1.47-55 New Testament Reading: Romans 16.25-27 Gospel: Luke 1.26-38
CHRISTMAS DAY Promise fulfilled				
25 December 2011	Word made flesh	AAA John 1.1-14 CYP Luke 2.1-18	Christmas Day	Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10 Psalm: Psalm 98 New Testament Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4, (5-12) Gospel: John 1.1-14
IDENTITY Three weeks in which we explore the relevance of the biblical writers' use of 'identity' and 'calling' to the ongoing relationship between God.				
01 January 2012	Identified as Saviour	Luke 2.22-40	Christmas 1	Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61.10-62.3 Psalm: Psalm 148 New Testament Reading: Galatians 4.4-7 Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

08 January 2012	Called into being	Genesis 1.1-5	Epiphany 1	Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1.1-5 Psalm: Psalm 29 New Testament Reading: Acts 19.1-7 Gospel: Mark 1.4-11
15 January 2012	Called by name	1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20)	Epiphany 2	Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3.1-10, (11-20) Psalm: Psalm 139.1-6, 13-18 New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 6.12-20 Gospel: John 1.43-51
THE PROMISE OF GOD Five weeks in which we discover the God who is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine.				
22 January 2012	God who thinks again	Jonah 3.1-5,10	Epiphany 3	Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10 Psalm: Psalm 62.5-13 New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.29-31 Gospel: Mark 1.14-20
29 January 2012	God who gives authority	Mark 1.21-28	Epiphany 4	Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20 Psalm: Psalm 111 New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 8.1-13 Gospel: Mark 1.21-28
05 February 2012	God who continues to create	Isaiah 40.21-31	Epiphany 5	Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40.21-31 Psalm: Psalm 147.1-11, 20c New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.16-23 Gospel: Mark 1.29-39
12 February 2012	God who promises	2 Kings 5.1-14	Epiphany 6	Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 5.1-17 Psalm: Psalm 30 New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.24-27 Gospel: Mark 1.40-45
19 February 2012	God who is for all time	Mark 9.2-9	Last after Epiphany / Transfiguration	Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2.1-12 Psalm: Psalm 50.1-6 New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Gospel: Mark 9.2-9
BECOMING THE GOOD NEWS Six weeks in which we observe Jesus taking up the mission of the Old Testament writers. This will help us think about how we can enter the stories of Jesus and become good news ourselves.				
26 February 2012	Jesus who is the good news	Mark 1.9-15	Lent 1	Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9.8-17 Psalm: Psalm 25.1-10 New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22 Gospel: Mark 1.9-15
04 March 2012	Become good news	Mark 8.31-38	Lent 2	Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 Psalm: Psalm 22.23-31 New Testament Reading: Romans 4.13-25 Gospel (Alt.): Mark 8.31-38 Gospel (Alt.): Mark 9.2-9

11 March 2012	Holy space	John 2.13-22	Lent 3	Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20.1-17 Psalm: Psalm 19 New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 Gospel: John 2.13-22
18 March 2012	Light for the world	John 3.14-21	Lent 4	Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21.4-9 Psalm: Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22 New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2.1-10 Gospel: John 3.14-21
25 March 2012	Growing and changing	John 12.20-33	Lent 5	Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34 Psalm (Alt.): Psalm 51.1-12 Psalm (Alt.): Psalm 119.9-16 New Testament Reading: Hebrews 5.5-10 Gospel: John 12.20-33
01 April 2012	Hosanna!	Mark 11.1-11	Palm Sunday	**Liturgy of the Palms** Psalm: Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29 Gospel (Alt.): Mark 11.1-11 Gospel (Alt.): John 12.12-16 **Liturgy of the Passion** Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm: Psalm 31.9-16 New Testament Reading: Philippians 2.5-11 Gospel (Alt.): Mark 14.1-15.47 Gospel (Alt.): Mark 15.1-39, (40-47)
RESURRECTION LIFE Eight weeks in which, through praying the Scriptures, we begin to discover the skills needed to live in the light of the resurrection				
08 April 2012	Go and tell	John 20.1-18	Easter Day	Old Testament Reading (Alt.): Isaiah 25.6-9 First Reading from the New Testament (Alt.): Acts 10.34-43 Psalm: Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 New Testament Reading (Alt.): 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 New Testament Reading (Alt.): Acts 10.34-43 Gospel (Alt.): Mark 16.1-8 Gospel (Alt.): John 20.1-18
15 April 2012	Believing is seeing	John 20.19-31	Easter 2	First Reading from the New Testament: Acts 4.32-35 Psalm: Psalm 133 New Testament Reading: 1 John 1.1-2.2 Gospel: John 20.19-31
22 April 2012	You are witnesses of these things	Luke 24.36b-48	Easter 3	First Reading from the New Testament: Acts 3.12-19 Psalm: Psalm 4 New Testament Reading: 1 John 3.1-7 Gospel: Luke 24.36b-48

29 April 2012	The Good Shepherd	John 10.11-18	Easter 4	First Reading from the New Testament: Acts 4.5-12 Psalm: Psalm 23 New Testament Reading: 1 John 3.16-24 Gospel: John 10.11-18
06 May 2012	The true vine	John 15.1-8	Easter 5	First Reading from the New Testament: Acts 8.26-40 Psalm: Psalm 22.25-31 New Testament Reading: 1 John 4.7-21 Gospel: John 15.1-8
13 May 2012	All you need is love	John 15.9-17	Easter 6	First Reading from the New Testament: Acts 10.44-48 Psalm: Psalm 98 New Testament Reading: 1 John 5.1-6 Gospel: John 15.9-17
20 May 2012	Protect them in your name	John 17.6-19	Easter 7	First Reading from the New Testament: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 Psalm: Psalm 1 New Testament Reading: 1 John 5.9-13 Gospel: John 17.6-19
PENTECOST				
27 May 2012	The Spirit alongside us	John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15	Pentecost	First Reading from the New Testament (Alt.): Acts 2.1-21 Old Testament Reading (Alt.): Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm: Psalm 104.24-34, 35b New Testament Reading (Alt.): Romans 8.22-27 New Testament Reading (Alt.): Acts 2.1-21 Gospel: John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15
TRINITY				
03 June 2012	Experiencing God	Romans 8.12-17	Trinity Sunday	Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm: Psalm 29 New Testament Reading: Romans 8.12-17 Gospel: John 3.1-17

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