

32	August 9	Romans 7 Romans 8 Romans 9 Romans 10 Romans 11	Ordinary 19
33	August 16	Romans 12 Romans 13 Romans 14 Romans 15 Romans 16	Ordinary 20
34	August 23	Colossians 1 Colossians 2 Colossians 3 Colossians 4 Philemon 1	Ordinary 21
35	August 30	Philippians 1 Philippians 2 Philippians 3 Philippians 4	Ordinary 22
36	September 6	Ephesians 1 Ephesians 2 Ephesians 3 Ephesians 4 Ephesians 5 Ephesians 6	Ordinary 23
37	September 13	1 Timothy 1 1 Timothy 2 1 Timothy 3 1 Timothy 4 1 Timothy 5 1 Timothy 6	Ordinary 24
38	September 20	2 Timothy 1 2 Timothy 2 2 Timothy 3 2 Timothy 4	Ordinary 25
39	September 27	Titus 1 Titus 2 Titus 3 Hebrews 1 Hebrews 2	Ordinary 26
40	October 4	Hebrews 3 Hebrews 4 Hebrews 5 Hebrews 6 Hebrews 7 Hebrews 8	Ordinary 27
41	October 11	Hebrews 9 Hebrews 10 Hebrews 11 Hebrews 12 Hebrews 13	Ordinary 28
42	October 18	John 1 John 2 John 3 John 4 John 5	Ordinary 29
43	October 25	John 6 John 7 John 8 John 9 John 10	Ordinary 30

44	November 1	John 11 John 12 John 13 John 14 John 15	Ordinary 31
45	November 8	John 16 John 17 John 18 John 19	Ordinary 32
46	November 15	John 20 John 21 Revelation 1 Revelation 2 Revelation 3 Revelation 4	Ordinary 33
47	November 22	Revelation 5 Revelation 6 Revelation 7 Revelation 8 Revelation 9 Revelation 10	Sunday Before Advent
48	November 29	Revelation 11 Revelation 12 Revelation 13 Revelation 14 Revelation 15 Revelation 16	Advent 1
49	December 6	Revelation 17 Revelation 18 Revelation 19 Revelation 20 Revelation 21 Revelation 22	Advent 2
50	December 13	1 John 1 1 John 2 1 John 3 1 John 4 1 John 5	Advent 3
51	Sun 20	2 John	Advent 4
	Mon 21	3 John	
	Tue 22		
	Wed 23	John 1:1-18	
	Thu 24	Matthew 1:1-17	
52	Fri 25	Matthew 1:18-25	Christmas 1
	Sat 26	Matthew 2	
	Sun 27		
	Mon 28	Luke 1:1-25	
	Tue 29	Luke 1:26-56	
	Wed 30	Luke 1:57-80	
	Thu 31	Luke 2:1-40	
	Fri 1	Luke 2:41-52	
	Sat 2		

Note 1. Reflections on:
Matthew 22:34-14 & 28:16-26,
John 13:34-35, Luke 23:33-34a,
1 Corinthians 13, Philippians 3:7-8,
Isaiah 55:8-9, and 1 John 4:16-17.

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ANY YEAR

2026

- 5 Chapters a week • 1 Book at a time
- Tracking Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter & Pentecost
- Reading the books in the order in which they might have been written as far as possible
- Grouping together books written by the same author or community

Why this reading plan? All other New Testament reading plans either mark Christian festivals & seasons, or go through the books methodically. This plan does both.

How this reading plan works. This reading plan is like others that cover 5 chapters each week. Doing that in 52 weeks means that you will have read precisely all of the New Testament. But in this plan a few weeks have more than 5 chapters, which creates some flexibility. For instance space is made for the stories of Jesus' birth and childhood to be read (again) in the year's final 2 weeks of readings.

The new year begins with the Gospel probably written first: *Mark*. Then comes *James*, which may be the first document of the New Testament to have been written. As far as possible, the rest of the books are then read in an order they might have been written, with authors and schools of thought grouped together. So *the letters of Paul* come next.

Early in Lent comes *Matthew's Gospel*, so later on the readings then keep in step with Palm Sunday, day by day through Holy Week and Easter Day. *Matthew's Gospel* addresses Jewish-Christians, as do *The Letters of Peter and Jude*, which follow. Then *Luke's Gospel* & *The Acts of the Apostles* (both written by Luke) are read one after the other, with *Acts 2* tying in with Pentecost Sunday.

After *Acts*, the readings pick up where they left off before *Matthew's Gospel*, and continue with most of the rest of *the Letters*. The writings of John, his *Gospel*, *Revelation* and *Letters*, come last, partly because they were among the latter books of the New Testament to have been written, and also because *Revelation* can be read in Advent. *Revelation* reminds us that, regardless of how things are, God is working to bring to fulfilment Jesus' prayer that, "[God's] will is done on earth as in heaven". For us to live for this, the 3 *Letters of John* then focus on our need to go back to the basics of love, truth, and faithfulness, as we go back to begin again with Jesus, starting with his coming among us.

- Love God, one another, and any others
 - As Jesus did
 - All the scriptures are built on this
- God, may I meet with you and others, to grow in receiving and giving your selfless, endless, reckless love. Amen. (See Note 1)

Week No.	Week Starting Sunday	Book & Chapter	Church Week (Revised Common Lectionary)
Introduction			
Readings in last 2 weeks of 2025			
Sun Dec 21	(2 & 3 John)	Advent 4	
Mon Dec 22			
Tue Dec 23	John 1:1-18		
Wed Dec 24	Matthew 1:1-17		
Thu Dec 25	Matthew 1:18-25		
Fri Dec 26	Matthew 2		
Sat Dec 27			
Sun Dec 28		Christmas 1	
Mon Dec 29	Luke 1:1-25		
Tue Dec 30	Luke 1:26-56		
Wed Dec 31	Luke 1:57-80		
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Thu Jan 1	Luke 2:1-40		
Fri Jan 2	Luke 2:41-52		
Sat Jan 3			
1	January 4	Mark 1 Mark 2 Mark 3 Mark 4 Mark 5	Christmas 2
2	January 11	Mark 6 Mark 7 Mark 8 Mark 9 Mark 10	Ordinary 1
3	January 18	Mark 11 Mark 12 Mark 13 Mark 14 Mark 15	Ordinary 2
4	January 25	Mark 16 James 1 James 2 James 3 James 4 James 5	Ordinary 3
5	February 1	1 Thessalonians 1 1 Thessalonians 2 1 Thessalonians 3 1 Thessalonians 4 1 Thessalonians 5	Ordinary 4
6	February 8	2 Thessalonians 1 2 Thessalonians 2 2 Thessalonians 3 1 Corinthians 1 1 Corinthians 2	Ordinary 5
7	February 15	1 Corinthians 3 1 Corinthians 4 1 Corinthians 5 1 Corinthians 6 1 Corinthians 7	Sunday before Lent
8	February 22	1 Corinthians 8 1 Corinthians 9 1 Corinthians 10 1 Corinthians 11	Lent 1

9	March 1	Matthew 1 Matthew 2 Matthew 3 Matthew 4 Matthew 5	Lent 2
10	March 8	Matthew 6 Matthew 7 Matthew 8 Matthew 9 Matthew 10	Lent 3
11	March 15	Matthew 11 Matthew 12 Matthew 13 Matthew 14 Matthew 15	Lent 4
12	March 22	Matthew 16 Matthew 17 Matthew 18 Matthew 19 Matthew 20	Lent 5
13	March 29	Matthew:	Holy Week & Lent 6
	Palm Sunday	21	
	Monday	22-23	
	Tuesday	24	
	Wednesday	25	
	Maundy Thursday	26	
14	Good Friday	27:1-61	Easter 1
	Saturday	27:62-65	
	Easter Day	Matthew 28 1 Peter 1 1 Peter 2 1 Peter 3 1 Peter 4 1 Peter 5	
	April 5		
15	April 12	2 Peter 1 2 Peter 2 2 Peter 3 Jude 1	Easter 2
16	April 19	Luke 1 Luke 2 Luke 3 Luke 4 Luke 5	Easter 3
17	April 26	Luke 6 Luke 7 Luke 8 Luke 9 Luke 10	Easter 4
18	May 3	Luke 11 Luke 12 Luke 13 Luke 14 Luke 15	Easter 5
19	May 10	Luke 16 Luke 17 Luke 18 Luke 19 Luke 20	Easter 6

20	May 17	Luke 21 Luke 22 Luke 23 Luke 24 Acts 1	Easter 7
21	Pentecost	Acts 2 Acts 3 Acts 4 Acts 5 Acts 6	Pentecost Sunday
22	May 24	Acts 7 Acts 8 Acts 9 Acts 10 Acts 11	Trinity Sunday
23	Trinity	Acts 12 Acts 13 Acts 14 Acts 15 Acts 16 Acts 17	Ordinary 10
24	June 7	Acts 18 Acts 19 Acts 20 Acts 21 Acts 22	Ordinary 11
25	June 14	Acts 23 Acts 24 Acts 25 Acts 26 Acts 27 Acts 28	Ordinary 12
26	June 21	1 Corinthians 12 1 Corinthians 13 1 Corinthians 14 1 Corinthians 15 1 Corinthians 16	Ordinary 13
27	June 28	2 Corinthians 1 2 Corinthians 2 2 Corinthians 3 2 Corinthians 4 2 Corinthians 5	Ordinary 14
28	July 5	2 Corinthians 6 2 Corinthians 7 2 Corinthians 8 2 Corinthians 9 2 Corinthians 10	Ordinary 15
29	July 12	2 Corinthians 11 2 Corinthians 12 2 Corinthians 13 Galatians 1 Galatians 2	Ordinary 16
30	July 19	Galatians 3 Galatians 4 Galatians 5 Galatians 6	Ordinary 17
31	July 26	Romans 1 Romans 2 Romans 3 Romans 4 Romans 5 Romans 6	Ordinary 18