

the interregnum

And Now For Something Completely Different...

The Spill the Beans Resource Team asked for your feedback on favourite Bible stories and those stories that we do not often hear in worship in early 2017. Thank you again to all of you and your congregations who submitted your responses. These were most helpful. Of course, we asked about favourite Bible stories by way of warming you up, we were most interested in the stories people felt were not covered in the normal course of worship.

As a team we have decided once we have completed the four year cycle of the Narrative Lectionary in the summer 2018 to take an interregnum between the reign of the Narrative Lectionary in guiding us and returning to the Revised Common Lectionary for Year A later in 2019.

To take best advantage of this time we have created, using

many of the suggestions we gleaned from your feedback, a lectionary to cover that time which will dip into stories and themes that, on the whole, we do not encounter using either the NL or RCL. We are excited about this new journey along lanes lesser travelled in the Scriptures, but we realise that some of you will want the continued security of either the NL or RCL. Note that we will create a new NL pack of all four years once this issue has come to the end of its natural cycle, as we have already done for our previous trip through the RCL.

To whet your appetite and to get you pondering whether you will want to join us or dip into our alternative journey for 2018-19, you will find our planned reading structure below. We have shown you here where there are groups of services in themes and have provided both primary and support texts for each.

Date	Liturgical	Theme	Primary Text	Support Text	Notes
19 Aug 18	Pentecost 13	Children and Young People	Luke 2:41-52	Jeremiah 1:4-9	Jesus in the Temple
26 Aug 18	Pentecost 14		Luke 18:15-17	Numbers 6:22-27	Children being blessed (link to baptism)
2 Sept 18	Pentecost 15		Luke 22:54-62	Luke 9:46-48	Dangerous children, risk, welcome
9 Sept 18	Pentecost 16	Beginnings	Genesis 3:1-24	Ezekiel 28:13-18	Fall and Paradise Lost (link to Temple)
16 Sept 18	Pentecost 17		Genesis 4:1-16(17-24)	Leviticus 19:15-18	Cain and Abel
23 Sept 18	Pentecost 18		Genesis 9:1-17,18-29	2 Corinthians 5:1-5	Rainbow, Noah and Sons (fragility of covenant)
30 Sept 18	Pentecost 19		Genesis 11:1-9(10-32)	Psalms 49:1-12,16-20	Tower of Babel
7 Oct 18	Pentecost 20	Harvest	Psalms 104	Mark 4:26-29	Thanksgiving for Creation and Harvest
14 Oct 18	Pentecost 21	Joseph	Genesis 37:2b-36	Psalms 30:1-3	Joseph's Childhood to Enslavement
21 Oct 18	Pentecost 22		Genesis 41:37-57	Psalms 34:1-10	Joseph in Egypt gaining authority
28 Oct 18	Pentecost 23		Genesis 43:1-5; 45:1-18	Luke 15:11-32	Collision and Reconciliation in relationships
4 Nov 18	Pentecost 24	Numbers	Numbers 14:1-12; 16:1-5,23-25	Leviticus 21:6-8	All Saints / The Faithful
11 Nov 18	Pentecost 25		Numbers 1:1-16,44-54	John 15:9-17	Remembrance / Who made us who we are?
18 Nov 18	Pentecost 26		Numbers 11:16-35	Luke 10:1-17	Sending out elders/disciples
25 Nov 18	Reign of Christ		Numbers 17:1-13; 21:1-14	John 3:10-14	Aaron's Staff / Moses Servant
2 Dec 18	Advent 1	Important Births	Exodus 1:8-14,22; 2:1-10	Acts 7:17-22	Moses' Birth
9 Dec 18	Advent 2		Judges 13:2-14,24	Numbers 6:2-5	Samson's Birth
16 Dec 18	Advent 3		Luke 1:5-7,11-25,57-66	Malachi 4:5-6	John the Baptist's Birth (echo of Elijah)
23 Dec 18	Advent 4		Luke 1:26-42	Matthew 1:18-23	Mary and Joseph, two perspectives
24 Dec 18	Christmas Eve	Living in Anticipation	Isaiah 40:1-5,21-31	Matthew 1:18-25	Monday, Preparations
25 Dec 18	Christmas Day	The Nativity and Visitors	Luke 2:1-20	Isaiah 40:9-11	Tuesday, New Birth and Witnesses
30 Dec 18	Christmas 1	Political Repercussions	Matthew 2:1-23	Micah 5:2-5a	Magi, Flight to Egypt, Return Home (note intentional to move Magi forward a week)
6 Jan 19	Epiphany	Light Comes	John 8:12-20	John 1:1-9	Light of the World, light in the darkness
13 Jan 19	Baptism of Lord	John's Testimony	John 3:22-36	Hebrews 1:1-4	John the Baptist on Jesus
20 Jan 19	Epiphany 2	Parables	Matthew 21:33-46	Psalms 118:15-29	Wicked Tenants
27 Jan 19	Epiphany 3		Luke 6:46-49	Psalms 18:1-5,16-19,30-32	Building House on Rock/Sand
3 Feb 19	Epiphany 4		Luke 5:33-39	Galatians 4:8-9	Patch on cloak, wineskins
10 Feb 19	Epiphany 5		Luke 11:5-13	Isaiah 62:6-9	House at midnight, looking for bread, persistence
17 Feb 19	Epiphany 6	Jesus Challenges	John 6:26-71	Hebrews 8:8-12	Bread of Life, critique
24 Feb 19	Epiphany 7	Calm Before Storm	John 7:1-31	John 2:1-4	Jesus not seeking publicity, questions
3 Mar 19	Transfiguration	Jesus' Proclamation	John 7:32-52	Isaiah 55:1-5	Jesus preaching at Temple, attempts to arrest Jesus, guards confused

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6 Mar 19	Ash Wed	Encountering Forgiveness	John 8:1-11	Hebrews 9:11-14	Sins, forgiveness, ashes, casting first stone
10 Mar 19	Lent 1	Command to Love	John 13:31-38	Proverbs 3:3-4	Commandment to love, foretelling Peter's denial
17 Mar 19	Lent 2	Four Forms of Love	Song of Songs 1:2; 2:10b-13; 4:1-7; 8:5-7; 5:10-16	1 Corinthians 13	Love: Eros (erotic, 'in love')
24 Mar 19	Lent 3		Luke 5:17-26	1 Peter 3:8-12	Love: Philia (friendship)
31 Mar 19	Lent 4		Romans 12:9-21	John 4:46-54	Love: Storge (familial empathy)
7 Apr 19	Lent 5		John 3:16-17	1 John 4:7-21	Love: Agape (unconditional)
14 Apr 19	Palm Sunday	Mounting Pressure	John 10:22-39	John 12:12-16	Jesus challenged, attempted stoning, escape, entrance to Jerusalem
15 Apr 19	Holy Week		John 12:20-36	Ephesians 5:1-9	Monday: Walk in the light
16 Apr 19			John 15:1-17	Isaiah 5:1-7	Tuesday: I am the true vine, love one another
17 Apr 19			John 16:1-28	Hebrews 10:19-23	Wednesday: A little while, hour is coming, new relationship
18 Apr 19	Maundy Thurs		John 17:1-26; 18:1-12	Hebrews 4:1-13	Thursday: Prayer and arrest
19 Apr 19	Good Friday	Luke 23:1-25; 32-47	Hebrews 7:26-28	Friday: An innocent man, Barabbas, Crucifixion	
21 Apr 19	Easter Day	Love Wins	Luke 23:55-56; 24:1-12	1 Corinthians 15:45-55	Resurrection
28 Apr 19	Easter 2		John 21:1-14	Ephesians 3:14-21	Jesus on beach
5 May 19	Easter 3		John 21:15-25	John 18:25-27	Peter's Denial, forgiveness
12 May 19	Easter 4		John 14:1-27	Matthew 7:7-8	Jesus is the Way, (Christian Aid Week in UK)
19 May 19	Easter 5	Buildings	Matthew 17:24-27	Exodus 30:11-16	Temple taxes and fish
26 May 19	Easter 6		Ezra 3:1-13	Psalms 136:1-16,26	Worship restored, rebuilding
2 June 19	Easter 7		Matthew 23:13-36	Proverbs 4:5-7	Right use of buildings, woes
9 June 19	Pentecost	Spirit Comes	Acts 2:1-11	Numbers 11:16-30	Pentecost renewal
16 June 19	Trinity	Paul's Journeys	Acts 13:1-5,13-16(a),42-47; 14:1-2,21-28	Ephesians 3:1-13	1st Missionary Journey: Mission to Gentiles
23 June 19	Pentecost 2		Acts 15:36-41; 16:1-5; 17:1-4,10-15; 18:1-4,18-22	Romans 8:1-4,31-34; 16:3-5a; 1 Cor. 2:1-10	2nd Missionary Journey: Paul proclaims Christ
30 June 19	Pentecost 3		Acts 18:22-23; 19:1-10,21-31; 20:1-3; 21:7-15	Romans 6: 1-4; 2 Corinthians 13:1-5	3rd Missionary Journey: Baptised into Christ
7 July 19	Pentecost 4	Apocryphal Tales	Susanna vv. 1-64	Judith 9:1-8	Additional book to Book of Daniel
14 July 19	Pentecost 5		Bel and the Dragon vv. 1-22	Numbers 21:8-9	Dragon and Bel, priests and dragon (addition to Book of Daniel)
21 July 19	Pentecost 6		Bel and the Dragon vv. 23-42	Psalms 54:1-7	The Lion's Den
28 July 19	Pentecost 7		Tobit 1:3; 2:1-14; 3:1-6,11-17	Job 3:1-11	Tobit 1-5: Laments, hopes for the future
4 Aug 19	Pentecost 8		Tobit 5:10-6:6; 7:1-2,9b-13; 8:1-21	Genesis 24:40-44	Tobit 6-8:18: Raphael, fear, trust, marriage to Sarah
11 Aug 19	Pentecost 9		Tobit 10:1-6; 11:1-17; 12:1-22	Luke 15:11-32	Tobit 8:19-12:22: Tobias returns home, healing, welcome to Sarah
18 Aug 19	Pentecost 10	The Judges	Judges 14:5-20; 15:1-8	1 Corinthians 12:4-7	Samson the Riddler, cycle of violence, selfish
25 Aug 19	Pentecost 11		Judges 16:4-31	Jeremiah 20:7-10	Samson and Delilah, enticement, deception
1 Sep 19	Pentecost 12		Judges 4:1-16; 5:1-9	Psalms 84:9-18	Deborah, the judge
8 Sep 19	Pentecost 13		Judges 6:11-18,25-40; 7:2-9,19-23	1 Kings 18:20-40	Gideon, warrior farmer
15 Sep 19	Pentecost 14		Judges 11:1-10,29-40	Deuteronomy 23:21-23	Jephthah, mighty warrior, ridiculous vows
22 Sep 19	Pentecost 15	Elisha Taunted	2 Kings 2:15-25	Proverbs 3:1-8	Elisha, alopecia, curses and she bears
29 Sep 19	Pentecost 16	Judah Humbled	Genesis 38:6-26	1 Samuel 16:8-19	Judah and Tamar
6 Oct 19	Pentecost 17	David's Care	2 Samuel 9:2-13	1 Samuel 20:14-17	David's compassion for Mephibosheth (Jonathan's son)
13 Oct 19	Pentecost 18	A Revelation for the Church	Revelation 2:1-29	1 John 4:1-6	Messages to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira
20 Oct 19	Pentecost 19		Revelation 3:1-22	Colossians 1:15-20	Messages to Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea
27 Oct 19	Pentecost 20		Revelation 4:1-11	Psalms 33:1-9	Vision of God enthroned
3 Nov 19	Pentecost 21		Revelation 21:1-14	Isaiah 65:17-25	All Saints
10 Nov 19	Pentecost 22	Remembrance	James 1:19-27	Psalms 146:1-10	Remembrance Sunday, words, actions
17 Nov 19	Pentecost 23	Faith Heroes	Hebrews 11:1-40	Judges 5:12-15; Esther 7:2-4; Acts 16:14-15	Heroes of faith (intersperse Hebrews passage with stories of female faith heroes)
24 Nov 19	Reign of Christ	Changing the Divine Mind	Matthew 15:21-28	1 Samuel 16:14-19	God or Jesus changing mind