

Christ Church, Aughton

Themes for October 2011 to January, 2012

Harvest Sunday, 2 October

Deuteronomy 28.1-14

¹² The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.

Philippians 4:4-9

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Luke 12.16-31

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.

8.15 service	New Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	Gospel
6.30 service	Old Testament and New Testament

Civic Sunday, 9 October

Jeremiah 29:4-9

⁷ Work for the good of the cities where I have made you go as prisoners. Pray to me on their behalf, because if they are prosperous, you will be prosperous too.

Philippians 2:1-11

³ Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves.

Matthew 18:1-5

⁴ The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child.

8.15 service	New Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	Gospel
6.30 service	Old Testament and New Testament

What kind of disciple is Jesus looking for?

(A series based on John Stott's book The Radical Disciple)

Sunday, 16 October

Be different

Exodus 19:1-8

6 You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.

1 Peter 1:13-25

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed

Mark 8:34-38

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

8.15 service	New Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	Gospel
6.30 service	Old Testament and New Testament

Sunday, 23 October

Be just like Jesus

Isaiah 42:1-9

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Luke 22:24-30

27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

8.15 service	New Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	Gospel
6.30 service	Old Testament and New Testament

Sunday, 30 October

Be mature, the person God wants you to be

Jeremiah 17:5-13

7 But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.

Colossians 1:24-29

28 We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

Luke 8:4-15

4 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

8.15 service	Old Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	New Testament
6.30 service	New Testament and Gospel

Sunday, 6 November

A good steward for God

Genesis 1:26 – 2:4

28 God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

Ephesians 1:3-12

And he made known to us the mystery of his will . . . to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

Luke 20:9-18

9 Jesus went on to tell the people this parable: A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time.

8.15 service	New Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	Old Testament
6.30 service	Old Testament and Gospel

Remembrance Sunday, 13 November

Simple trust in God himself

Psalm 46:1-11

7 The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Hebrews 13:5-16

6 So we say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

Luke 12:32-40

32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

8.15 service	New Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	Old Testament
6.30 service	Old Testament and New Testament

Sunday, 20 November

Walking with poise

Psalms 1:1-6

1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

1 Peter 2:4-10

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

John 3:1-17

3 In reply Jesus declared, I tell you the truth, no-one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.

8.15 service	Old Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	New Testament
6.30 service	New Testament and Gospel

Advent Sunday, 27 November

Learning to depend

1 Kings 17:1-7

6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

Galatians 6:1-10

2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

John 4:1-14

6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, Will you give me a drink?

8.15 service	Old Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	New Testament
6.30 service	New Testament and Gospel

Bible Sunday, 4 December

Nehemiah 8.1–12

3 Ezra the priest read the Law aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Romans 15:1-13

4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Luke 4:14-21

21 Jesus began by saying to them, Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.

8.15 service	New Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	Gospel

Sunday, 11 December

Victory over death

Job 19:21-29

25 I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;

Romans 8:31-39

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

John 11:17-27

25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

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Sunday, 18 December

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

11 "The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you

Romans 16.25-27

25 Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ

Luke 2:1-7

7 Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8.15 service	New Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	Gospel

Christmas Day

Isaiah 9.2-7

2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned

Titus 2.11-15

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

Luke 2.1-14

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.

11.30 pm	New Testament and Gospel
8.00 am	Old Testament and Gospel
10.00 service	Gospel

Five key values to hold onto

Sunday, 1 January

Keep on praying, keep on believing

Psalms 118:1-14

13 I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me. The

LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Acts 4:23-31

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Luke 2:22-35

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

8.15 service	New Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	Gospel
6.30 service	Old Testament and New Testament

Sunday, 8 January

The Gospel is for everyone

Isaiah 60:1-7

3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

1 Timothy 4:6-10

10 We have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, and especially of those who believe.

Matthew 2:1-12

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem

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Sunday, 15 January

Our money is God's money

Deuteronomy 26:1-10

10 Now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me. Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

Mark 10:17-31

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. One thing you lack, he said. Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.

8.15 service	New Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	Gospel
6.30 service	Old Testament and New Testament

Sunday, 22 January

Ready to take risks for God

Exodus 13:17-22

21 By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.

Acts 8:26-40

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, Go south to the road— the desert road— that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.

Matthew 10:5-15

6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

8.15 service	New Testament and Gospel
10.45 service	New Testament
6.30 service	Old Testament and Gospel

Sunday, 29 January

Everyone involved in ministry

Isaiah 60:15-22

22 The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the LORD; in its time I will do this swiftly

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Luke 7:36-8:3

1 After this, Jesus travelled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases:

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