

Parish of Earley St Peter
Reading St Mark's Gospel in Lent

This year we are encouraging everyone in our church family to read through St Mark's Gospel together. Each year from Advent to Advent the scheme of readings at our 8am and 10am communion services follows a single gospel, and this year we are following Mark.

The scheme in this leaflet takes us from Ash Wednesday to Easter Monday, reading a chunk each day. We will follow the whole of the gospel chronologically for the most part, apart from Holy Week where we follow the story day by day. We've tried to split the passages so that they make some sense, which does mean some days there will be more to read and some less! Where a Sunday or a day in Holy Week is marked in bold, this means the sermon or address that day will be about that particular passage.



Practical tips

- Find a time that works for you – early morning, midday, last thing at night, whatever suits!
- Find a place (if you can) which is quiet – kitchen table, favourite armchair
- You might like to say a prayer before you start. Of course, you can pray in your own words. If you'd like to use a written prayer, here's one possibility:

*Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Common Worship – Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

- Read the passage and think: what is going on? What is Jesus saying / doing? Does anything surprise or interest you? Is there anything you don't understand?
- After you've read the passage you might find it helpful to spend a moment in prayer. What do you want to say to God? You could say a prayer like this, and / or the Lord's Prayer:

*Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Church of England Common Worship (2000)

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Passage</i> | <i>Themes</i> |
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| Ash Wednesday 17th February | Mark 1.9-13 | <i>Jesus baptised and tempted</i> |
| Thursday 18th Feb | Mark 1.1 | <i>The beginning</i> |
| Friday 19th Feb | Mark 1.2-8 | <i>John the Baptist</i> |
| Saturday 20th Feb | Mark 1.14-15 | <i>Proclaiming the kingdom</i> |
| First Sunday in Lent 21st February | Mark 1.14-20 | <i>Calling the first disciples</i> |
| Monday 22nd Feb | Mark 1.21-45 | <i>Jesus' early ministry</i> |
| Tuesday 23rd Feb | Mark 2 | <i>Jesus' authority</i> |
| Weds 24th Feb | Mark 3 | <i>Jesus heals, calls, and teaches</i> |
| Thursday 25th Feb | Mark 4.1-20 | <i>Parables</i> |
| Friday 26th Feb | Mark 4.21-34 | <i>Further parables</i> |
| Saturday 27th Feb | Mark 4.35-5.20 | <i>Miracles</i> |
| Second Sunday in Lent 28th Feb | Mark 5.21-43 | <i>Two healing miracles</i> |
| Monday 1st March | Mark 6.1-29 | <i>Death of John the Baptist</i> |
| Tuesday 2nd March | Mark 6.30-56 | <i>Feeding miracles</i> |
| Weds 3rd March | Mark 7.1-13 | <i>Traditions</i> |
| Thursday 4th March | Mark 7.14-23 | <i>What defiles a person</i> |
| Friday 5th March | Mark 7.24-37 | <i>Two encounters</i> |
| Saturday 6th March | Mark 8.1-26 | <i>Miracles and their meaning</i> |
| Third Sunday in Lent 7th March | Mark 8.27-9.1 | <i>Who is he?</i> |
| Monday 8th March | Mark 9.2-13 | <i>Transfiguration</i> |
| Tuesday 9th March | Mark 9.14-29 | <i>Healing</i> |
| Weds 10th March | Mark 9.30-32 | <i>Looking ahead</i> |
| Thursday 11th March | Mark 9.33-37 | <i>Like a little child</i> |
| Friday 12th March | Mark 9.38-50 | <i>Following</i> |
| Saturday 13th March | Mark 10.1-12 | <i>Family relationships</i> |
| Fourth Sunday in Lent / Mothering Sunday – 14th March | Mark 10.13-16 | <i>Let the little children ...</i> |
| Monday 15th March | Mark 10.17-31 | <i>The cost of following Jesus</i> |
| Tuesday 16th March | Mark 10.32-34 | <i>Looking ahead again</i> |
| Weds 17th March | Mark 10.35-45 | <i>The request of James and John</i> |
| Thursday 18th March | Mark 10.46-52 | <i>A visit to Jericho</i> |
| Friday 19th March | Mark 11.12-24 | <i>The lesson of the fig tree</i> |

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| Saturday 20th April | Mark 11.25-33 | <i>More questions about authority</i> |
| Fifth Sunday in Lent 21st March | Mark 12.1-12 | <i>The tenants and the vineyard</i> |
| Monday 22nd March | Mark 12.13-17 | <i>Tricky questions (1) Faith and politics</i> |
| Tuesday 23rd March | Mark 12.18-27 | <i>Tricky questions (2) Resurrection</i> |
| Weds 24th March | Mark 12.28-34 | <i>Tricky questions (3) Commandments</i> |
| Thursday 25th March | Mark 12.35-40 | <i>More questions about authority</i> |
| Friday 26th March | Mark 12.41-44 | <i>Watching a widow</i> |
| Saturday 27th March | Mark 13 | <i>The coming crisis</i> |
| Palm Sunday 28th March | Mark 11.1-11 | <i>Jesus enters Jerusalem</i> |
| Monday in Holy Week 29th March | Mark 14.1-2 | <i>Plotting</i> |
| Tuesday in Holy Week 30th March | Mark 14.3-9 | <i>Anointing</i> |
| Weds in Holy Week 31st March | Mark 14.10-11 | <i>Betraying</i> |
| Maundy Thursday 1st April | Mark 14.12-72 | <i>The Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, & Jesus' Arrest</i> |
| Good Friday 2nd April | Mark 15.1-39 | <i>Jesus' Trial & Crucifixion</i> |
| Easter Eve Saturday 3rd April | Mark 15.40-47 | <i>Nightfall</i> |
| Easter Day Sunday 4th April | Mark 16.1-8 | <i>The first Easter</i> |