

Bishop Paul and Sarah Williams - Devotional Reading of Psalms and Wisdom Books (to accompany Morning Prayer Lectionary Readings)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1	1	32	60	91	121	2	Job 1-3	10	41	71	102	132	1
2	2	33	61	92	122	3	4-6	11	42	72	103	133	2
3	3	34	62	93	123	4	7-9	12	43	73	104	134	3
4	4	35	63	94	124	5	10-12	13	44	74	105	135	4
5	5	36	64	95	125	6	13-15	14	45	75	106	136	5
6	6	37	65	96	126	7	16-18	15	46	76	107	137	6
7	7	38	66	97	127	8	19-21	16	47	77	108	138	7
8	8	39	67	98	128	9	22-24	17	48	78	109	139	8
9	9	40	68	99	129	10	25-27	18	49	79	110	140	9
10	10	41	69	100	130	11	28-30	19	50	80	111	141	10
11	11	42	70	101	131	12	31-33	20	51	81	112	142	11
12	12	43	71	102	132	13	34-36	21	52	82	113	143	12
13	13	44	72	103	133	14	37-39	22	53	83	114	144	13
14	14	45	73	104	134	15	40-42	23	54	84	115	145	14
15	15	46	74	105	135	16	SofS 1	24	55	85	116	146	15
16	16	47	75	106	136	17	2	25	56	86	117	147	16
17	17	48	76	107	137	18	3	26	57	87	118	148	17
18	18	49	77	108	138	19	4	27	58	88	119	149	18
19	19	50	78	109	139	20	5	28	59	89	120	150	19
20	20	51	79	110	140	21	6	29	60	90	121	Eccl 1	20
21	21	52	80	111	141	22	7	30	61	91	122	2	21
22	22	53	81	112	142	23	8	31	62	92	123	3	22
23	23	54	82	113	143	24	Ps 1	32	63	93	124	4	23
24	24	55	83	114	144	25	2	33	64	94	125	5	24
25	25	56	84	115	145	26	3	34	65	95	126	6	25
26	26	57	85	116	146	27	4	35	66	96	127	7	26
27	27	58	86	117	147	28	5	36	67	97	128	8	27
28	28	59	87	118	148	29	6	37	68	98	129	9	28
29	29		88	119	149	30	7	38	69	99	130	10	29
30	30		89	120	150		8	39	70	100	131	11	30
31	31		90		Prov 1		9	40		101		12	31

This reading scheme is one that is intended to provide a devotional focus each day on a Psalm or a reading from one of the other Wisdom books of the bible.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.” Psalm 127

Whether in our personal lives with family and friendships, or our wider responsibilities at work, in the church and society, God’s word brings daily comfort, encouragement and challenge. Like a master builder God wants to continue his work in our lives growing us in faith and love. God also promises to lead us and guide us as we look to him to *“watch over our coming and going both now and forevermore.”* Psalm 121

These readings are for prayer and study, which might be supported by a good bible commentary – these are ones we have found particularly helpful:

Tyndale OT Commentary on the Psalms (two volumes) and Proverbs by Derek Kidner

Tyndale OT Commentary on Ecclesiastes by Michael Eaton and Five Festal Garments by Barry Webb with reflections on the Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs

BST - The Message of Job by David Atkinson

This is not a reading pattern we ever intended to share more widely but it has formed the framework of reflections and prayers that we posted each day during the first phase of the coronavirus pandemic in the UK, while people were either confined to their homes or working on the frontlines in the emergency response to the virus. It naturally accompanies another bible reading pattern which includes the New Testament and other Old Testament books.