

**Sunday 21st**

Esther 2:5-23  
H&P 226, 575 & 751

**Monday 22nd**

Esther 3:1-15  
Acts 6:8-15

**Tuesday 23rd**

Esther 4:1-17  
Acts 7:1-29

**Wednesday 24th**

Esther 5:1-14  
Acts 7:30-53

**Thursday 25th**

Esther 6:1-13  
Acts 7:54-8:3

**Friday 26th**

Esther 6:14-8:2  
Acts 8:4-13

**Saturday 27th**

Esther 8:3-17  
Acts 8:14-25

**Sunday 28th**

Esther 9:1-19  
H&P 221, 712 & 818

**Monday 29th**

Esther 9:20-10:3  
Acts 8:26-40

**Tuesday 30th**

Psalm 107:1-22  
Acts 9:1-31

**Wednesday 31st**

Psalm 107:23-43  
Acts 9:32-43

# DAILY

# READINGS



*"What shall I return to the Lord  
for all his bounty to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord"*

*Psalm 116:12-13*

**DECEMBER 2014**

Dear Friend,

It might seem strange to some of you to be reading the account of Jesus' death and resurrection from John's gospel as we begin the season of Advent. After all, Advent is the time when we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

However, despite the apparent oddity of reading about the crucifixion and resurrection at this time of year, it actually makes sense to do so. This is because the incarnation should not be viewed as being isolated from the crucifixion and resurrection. Together they make a whole.

The crucifixion is the moment where sin is dealt with and forgiveness offered to us. The resurrection is the moment that shows us that death is not the end, but that God has a glorious future for us all. Without them there would be no hope. But the crucifixion would not be effective if Jesus did not take on our humanity. As the early Church Father, Athanasius, said, "Jesus became what we are, to make us what He is." Thus the incarnation paves the way for the glory of the crucifixion and resurrection.

May God bless you as you reflect on what God has done for us all, and may your Christmas be blessed.

In His name, Martyn

**Monday 1st**

Nehemiah 3:1-32  
John 20:1-18

**Tuesday 2nd**

Nehemiah 4:1-23  
John 20:19-31

**Wednesday 3rd**

Nehemiah 5:1-19  
John 21:1-14

**Thursday 4th**

Nehemiah 6:1-19  
John 21:15-25

**Friday 5th**

Nehemiah 7:1-38  
Acts 1:1-11

**Saturday 6th**

Nehemiah 7:39-72  
Acts 1:12-26

**Sunday 7th**

Nehemiah 7:73-8:18  
H&P 212, 521 & 592

**Monday 8th**

Nehemiah 9:1-37  
Acts 2:1-13

**Tuesday 9th**

Nehemiah 9:38-10:31  
Acts 2:14-36

**Wednesday 10th**

Nehemiah 10:32-11:2  
Acts 2:37-47

**Thursday 11th**

Nehemiah 11:3-36  
Acts 3:1-10

**Friday 12th**

Nehemiah 12:1-26  
Acts 3:11-26

**Saturday 13th**

Nehemiah 12:27-47  
Acts 4:1-4

**Sunday 14th**

Nehemiah 13:1-14  
H&P 264, 290 & 307

**Monday 15th**

Nehemiah 13:15-31  
Acts 4:5-22

**Tuesday 16th**

Psalms 89:1-37  
Acts 4:23-31

**Wednesday 17th**

Psalms 89:38-52  
Acts 4:32-5:11

**Thursday 18th**

Psalms 116  
Acts 5:12-32

**Friday 19th**

Esther 1:1-12  
Acts 5:33-42

**Saturday 20th**

Esther 1:13-2:4  
Acts 6:1-7