

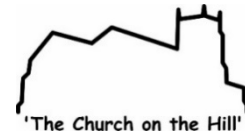
## **1 SAMUEL**

The opening chapters of the first book of Samuel tell the story of the birth and dedication of the boy Samuel. After his birth and childhood, the story moves on to the regular conflicts between the Israelites and Philistines, which gave rise to the Israelites' desire for a king to protect them.



Then chapters 9–31 describe first the choosing and then the rejection of Saul, and then the choosing of David, followed by the long conflict between them.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING PLAN, WEEK 2



### Prayer for week commencing Monday 20 July

Lord, as Samuel was dedicated to you, so help us to dedicate our own lives to you, following your ways and serving you in whatever way you call us.

Forgive us, Lord, when we have not followed your way or when we have strayed away from you. We thank you that you are a forgiving God and we turn back to you knowing that you will forgive us and receive us back into your fold and will use us all in different ways according to the talents you give us.

Help us, Lord, to always seek your way in our lives, hearing your word through prayer and Bible study, applying your word to our daily lives. Help us not to be disappointed when events don't happen as we would like, knowing that you act in your own way and surprise us by the way you direct and lead us. Protect us Lord from trying to do your will in our own strength (and failing), rather than trusting you to you lead us.

We thank you for families, our own family and the family of the church, for the fellowship, love and support given and received.

We pray this in Jesus name.  
Amen

<b>Day 99</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	1 Samuel chapters 1, 2 and 3
<b>Day 100</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	1 Samuel chapters 4 and 5
<b>Day 101</b>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	1 Samuel chapters 6 and 7
<b>Day 102</b>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Quiet day to catch up</b>
<b>Day 103</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	1 Samuel chapters 8, 9 and 10
<b>Day 104</b>	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	1 Samuel chapters 11 and 12
<b>Day 105</b>	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	1 Samuel chapters 13 and 14

### Collect for Sunday 26 July - Trinity 7

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever  
Amen.