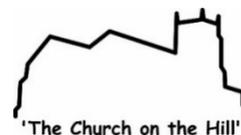


OLD TESTAMENT READING PLAN, WEEK 5



The second book of Samuel tells the story of King David and how he consolidated his power after the death of Saul. He made his capital first at Hebron and then at the ancient Jebusite city of Salem, which he renamed Jerusalem. The book tells the story of his spectacular success as a king, as well as his more mixed personal life. Throughout the story runs the theme of the deep relationship with God that shaped who he was, even when he sinned and made mistakes.

Prayer for week commencing 10 August

We thank you, Lord, for your protection day by day, week by week, being with us in all we do, guiding us and loving us.

Give us the faith to seek your guidance in all we set out to do in life, to seek your will in every decision we make be it big or small, and then, Lord, give us the faith to follow your leading.

We thank you for the many blessings you pour into our lives and when the going gets tough helping us to look back for encouragement to the days you have supported and blessed us.

Help us, Lord, to trust you in every situation even when we cannot see nor understand where you are leading us.

We ask you to keep us safe from the temptations that surround us, temptations to go our own way rather than follow you.

We are sorry, Lord, for the times we have not listened to you, when we have gone our own way or when we have disregarded your word. Please forgive us and restore us in your family.

We offer our prayers in Jesus' name,
Amen

Day 120	Monday 10 th August	2 Samuel chapters 1 and 2
Day 121	Tuesday 11 th August	2 Samuel chapters 3 and 4
Day 122	Wednesday 12 th August	2 Samuel chapters 5 and 6
Day 123	Thursday 13 th August	Quiet day to catch up
Day 124	Friday 14 th August	2 Samuel chapter 7
Day 125	Saturday 15 th August	2 Samuel chapters 8 and 9
Day 126	Sunday 16 th August	2 Samuel chapter 10

Collect for Sunday 16 August - Trinity 10

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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