

A lot of **LIGHT** Reading

A public reading of the Whole Bible

Wednesday June 14 – Sunday June 18

This year St. David's Cathedral celebrates 200 years of biblical ministry in the heart of Hobart and the Bible Society celebrates 200 years of Bible distribution. We have decided to mark these anniversaries by having a public reading of the whole Bible by Christians of Tasmania. We will do this in the midst of an arts festival in our city focused on silence and darkness, believing that God's spoken word brings light.

We will be using a single large print Contemporary English Version (CEV) provided by the Bible Society and reading it from cover to cover. The public reading will start with Genesis at 9am Wednesday June 14th till midnight, then Thursday, Friday and Saturday 6am till midnight, and from 11.30am – 5.30pm on Sunday, a total of around 75 hours reading which should, all being well, take us to the end of Revelation. (There will be some working around other services on at the Cathedral.)

As the reading goes on we hope that people will come in and listen, and that groups will pray in the Nixon Chapel. There will be Bibles available for people to take as well as other evangelistic literature.

What are we asking for: Churches, Schools and special guests to join us. We are asking that Churches sign up for a 3 hour period (a draft indicative timetable is attached.) We are suggesting that people read for 15 minutes and then swap over so if Churches are going to have different readers they will need 12 people, but they may have six people who are prepared to read twice within their time slot. Others can of course simply come and listen or join in the prayers. People are most welcome to come at any time and listen.

Things to consider: Those who are going to read should be people who are approved by the minister of the church, preferably normally read in church, and can competently read by sight, as it is not possible to know in advance which passage will be being read when each reader starts their turn. The reading will take place from the Cathedral lectern with microphone accessed by a couple of steps (although provision can be made for someone with mobility issues). Readers need to speak at a reasonable speed, and so should be able to read the Contemporary English version of 3 John (15 verses) within 2 minutes

Things to be aware of: As plans develop it may be that 3 hour slots become 2hours if we have lots of churches wishing to take part. However we do not want people to read for less than 10 minutes due to lost time in change overs. There may be times when special guests need to have a turn at reading, and we will seek to make those clear early in the planning process. We do need people to take the unsociable hours!

Please pray: Whilst there is much to organize this is a fairly simple exercise, trusting that God through his Word would bring light to our Churches, our Community and our City.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

You may like to share our event on our website which does feature a calendar with what times are available. <http://saintdavids.org.au/event/2017/05/lot-light-reading/>

Wed 14/6	Thu 15/6	Fri 16/6	Sat 17/6	Sun 18/6
	08:30 - 08:30 Judges Ruth 1 Samuel	08:30 - 08:30 Psalms	08:30 - 08:30 Lamentations Ezekiel	
08:30 - Morning Prayer	08:30 - Morning Prayer	08:30 - Morning Prayer	08:30 - Morning Prayer	08:30 - 11:30 Cathedral Services with Bishop Richard Condie
09:00 - 12:00 Genesis	09:00 - 10:30 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 10:30 - 10:30 BCP Communion 11:00 - 12:00 2 Samuel 1 Kings (Cont)	09:00 - 12:00 Psalms	09:00 - 12:00 Ezekiel Daniel Hosea Joel Amos	
12:00 - 15:00 Genesis Exodus Leviticus	12:00 - 15:00 1 Kings 2 Kings	12:00 - Healing Service 12:30 - 15:00 Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes	12:00 - 15:00 Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi Matthew Mark Luke	11:30 - Romans 12:00 - 15:00 Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 Thessalonians
15:00 - 18:00 Leviticus Numbers	15:00 - 18:00 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles	15:00 - 18:00 Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon Isaiah	15:00 - 18:00 Matthew Mark Luke	15:00 - 17:00 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude Revelation
18:00 - 21:00 Numbers Deuteronomy	18:00 - 21:00 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah	18:00 - 21:00 Isaiah Jeremiah	18:00 - 21:00 Luke John	17:30 - 18:30 Evening Prayer
21:00 - 00:00 Deuteronomy Joshua Judges	21:00 - 00:00 Nehemiah Esther Job Psalms	21:00 - 00:00 Jeremiah Lamentations	21:00 - 00:00 John Acts Romans	

Proposed Reading Schedule, actual readings at particular times cannot be guaranteed.