



## Christ Church Bible Reading Initiative

### Introduction

As we head into a New Year together it's a great opportunity to take a moment to reflect on a personal question: *What priority will I give to daily Bible Reading (or listening) for the sake of my own spiritual growth in 2026?*

A New Year might be a great opportunity to consider being more intentional or ambitious in your Bible Reading (or listening) or even to start (or re-start) a new daily habit. To help you with this, we've prepared three simple resource options (print & digital):

### Option 1 – For the 'More In Sync' (Christ Church Preaching & Teaching)

This first Bible Reading plan is aimed at people who want a relatively easy and sustainable approach to daily Bible Reading which also ties in at various points with our preaching and teaching calendar at Christ Church in 2026. The plan generally includes one or two readings a day. Overall, it covers the whole NT and a wide selection of OT readings too. If this approach sounds appealing to you we've printed A3 versions of this plan for you to take home. There's also a digital PDF available up on Elvanto or if you prefer to track your Bible Reading on an iPhone- use the free iOS app 'ReadingPlan'. (After downloading, open it up and click: Settings→Reading Plan→View Available Plans→Search: 'CCG 2026').

### Option 2 – For the 'Flexi' (Three Bookmarks & a Bible: OT / Psalms / NT)



This second Bible Reading plan is aimed at people who find it helpful to have more flexibility in their approach to daily Bible Reading. It appreciates a reality that God hasn't wired everyone the same. Not everyone loves to tick a box on a structured plan and sometimes the season of life we're in can make it harder to have a predictable time-slot for Bible Reading (e.g. if you have small children or are a shift-worker). This strategy involves putting three bookmarks in your Bible (one in the OT, one in the Psalms/Proverbs and one in the NT) and remaining committed to advancing one (or more) of these bookmarks each day at a pace that suits you. If this sounds more like you – we recommend you read the print or online article, "Three Bookmarks and a Bible" by Brian Rosner (The Gospel Coalition Australia, 12/01/2021) to learn more about this approach. We have also designed and printed some bookmarks for you to take home and use.



### Option 3 – For the 'Ambitious' (M'Cheyne - Whole Bible+ 1 or 2yr Version)

This third Bible Reading plan is aimed at people who want to be challenged to be more ambitious in diligent and serious Bible Reading. It's a plan written & named after Robert Murray M'Cheyne who was a minister in the Church of Scotland in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. It has been popularized in recent decades through Don Carson's devotional book "For the Love of God: Vol 1 & 2" & also The Gospel Coalition website. It prioritizes wide coverage of the Bible and gets you reading from different parts of the Bible at the same time. For example, on Jan 1 you will read: Gen 1, Matt 1, Ezra 1 and Acts 1. If you follow this plan across the year you'll cover all of the Old Testament once & all of the Psalms & New Testament twice. The plan can also be easily adapted down from four readings to two readings a day. If you're keen for a challenge we've printed A3 versions of this plan for you to take home. There's also a digital PDF available on Elvanto, or if you prefer to track your Bible Reading on an iPhone use the free iOS app 'ReadingPlan' (Settings→Reading Plan→ M'Cheyne).

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