

Friday 21st

Numbers 7:54-89
Mark 14:17-31

Saturday 22nd

Numbers 8:1-26
Mark 14:32-50

Sunday 23rd

Numbers 9:1-23
Psalm 143

Monday 24th

Numbers 10:1-10
Mark 14:51-65

Tuesday 25th

Numbers 10:11-36
Mark 14:66-72

Wednesday 26th

Numbers 11:1-15
Mark 15:1-15

Thursday 27th

Numbers 11:16-25
Mark 15:16-32

Friday 28th

Numbers 11:26-35
Mark 15:33-41

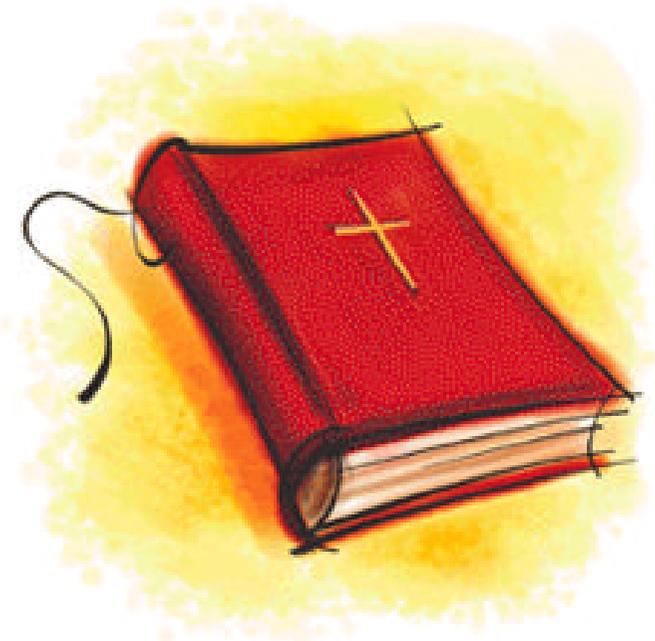
Saturday 29th

Numbers 12:1-16
Mark 15:42-47

Sunday 30th

Numbers 13:1-24
Psalm 144

DAILY READINGS



*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace."*

Numbers 6:24-26

SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Friend,

O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

So writes John Greenleaf Whittier in his well-loved hymn, Dear Lord and Father of mankind. It reminds me that the main ideas of Sabbath are two-fold. Firstly, being a time of rest; and secondly, being time that is especially set aside to spend with God.

It is from the word Sabbath that our word sabbatical comes, and is also the reason why I have chosen to focus upon it, for I am starting my sabbatical on the first of September.

A sabbatical is the gift of our church denominations to its ministers. In the URC it is something that we are entitled to take every ten years. It is now nearly twelve years since I was ordained, and therefore I am actually overdue my first sabbatical!

My hope, and my prayer, is that I shall be able to use this precious gift as a time to rest from the normal routine of ministry, while also spending the time engaged in other ways; and that I will be able to devote time to spend with God, so that I may deepen my relationship with Him, listen for His voice, and be ready to serve Him on the next stage of my ministry.

I also pray that you will be able to use this time well. May you give time from out of your normal routine to Sabbath, and through that may you also deepen your relationship with God.

In His name,
Martyn

Saturday 1st

Leviticus 23:1-22
Mark 8:27-9:1

Sunday 2nd

Leviticus 23:23-44
Psalm 140

Monday 3rd

Leviticus 24:1-23
Mark 9:2-13

Tuesday 4th

Leviticus 25:1-24
Mark 9:14-29

Wednesday 5th

Leviticus 25:25-55
Mark 9:30-50

Thursday 6th

Leviticus 26:1-26
Mark 10:1-16

Friday 7th

Leviticus 26:27-46
Mark 10:17-31

Saturday 8th

Leviticus 27:1-34
Mark 10:32-45

Sunday 9th

Numbers 1:1-19
Psalm 141

Monday 10th

Numbers 1:20-47
Mark 10:46-52

Tuesday 11th

Numbers 1:48-2:9
Mark 11:1-11

Wednesday 12th

Numbers 2:10-34
Mark 11:12-19

Thursday 13th

Numbers 3:1-20
Mark 11:20-25 (26)

Friday 14th

Numbers 3:21-39
Mark 11:27-12:12

Saturday 15th

Numbers 3:40-4:16
Mark 12:13-34

Sunday 16th

Numbers 4:17-49
Psalm 142

Monday 17th

Numbers 5:1-31
Mark 12:35-44

Tuesday 18th

Numbers 6:1-27
Mark 13:1-23

Wednesday 19th

Numbers 7:1-29
Mark 13:24-37

Thursday 20th

Numbers 7:30-53
Mark 14:1-16