

Readings for the Week		* 1 Chronicles	* 2 Chronicles	** Mark	Collect
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 30 1 Chronicles 28:1-10 Mark 11:1-11	The two books of Chronicles cover the same period as Samuel and Kings but from a particular point of view. The writer, known as 'The Chronicler', shows that David laid the foundations of Israel's worship even though he did not build the Temple. In the first nine chapters, he uses family trees to trace the history of Israel from Adam to the return from Exile to show that Judah is the true people of God.	Solomon, the builder of the Temple, is the subject of chapters 1-9. It becomes obvious in the remaining chapters that interest lies only in the history of Judah, through whom God would continue his purpose. Special attention is also given to kings who promote religious reform. The end of the book goes beyond 2 Kings as it hints that the period in exile in Babylon is about to end. Persia has taken over the Babylonian empire.	This Gospel concentrates mainly on what Jesus did, although the writer does include some of Jesus' teaching. Within the first few chapters several miracles are recorded. He does not speak about Jesus' birth but begins with John the Baptist's work and Jesus' baptism and temptations. Chapters 1-9 are about Jesus' work in Galilee, chapters 10-15 his journey to Jerusalem ending in his death, and chapter 16 about his resurrection. 16:9-20 was added later, probably by the early church.	God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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
Tue 26 <sup>h</sup>	Psalm 36 1 Chronicles 28:11-end Mark 11:12-26				
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 34 1 Chronicles 29:1-9 Mark 11:27-end				
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 37 1 Chronicles 29:10-20 Mark 12:1-12				
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Michael & All Angels Genesis 28:10-17 Psalm 103:19-end Revelation 12:7-12 John 1:47-end				
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 42 2 Chronicles 1:1-13 Mark 12:18-27				