

The Journey Uniting Church – Bible Reading Plan – April 2011

Week 1 Sunday 3rd April – Vintage Clothes

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
3 rd April	Eph 3:20-4:16	Romans 12	Philippians 3	2 Peter 1	Psalms 119:129-136

The past is important. Our joys, failures, memories and other defining moments provide a platform for us to live in the present and look forward to the future. They encourage us to serve each other in unity and love in the present. There is a danger though, that we can become stuck in the past, or caught in a restrictive line of thinking that stunts our maturity and hinders our unity. This week we are invited to celebrate the past, open our eyes to live in the present and feel hopeful about the future as we work together maturely as members of the one body.

Week 2 Sunday 10th April – Out With The Old, In With The New

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
10 th April	Eph 4:17-32	Revelation 21	Isaiah 43:16-44:8	2 Corinthians 5	Ezekiel 36:22-38

Whilst we understand that God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, He is constantly doing new things! Particularly whilst dealing with us. We have much to change and learn, as we grow in the knowledge of His grace and love. Our invitation this week- with the Spirit's ever-present help- is to identify some of the old in us that we can 'put off'; in exchange for the new that God has for us in Christ. Exciting times!

Week 3 Sunday 17th April – Palm Sunday

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
17 th April	John 12:12-50	John 17	John 18	John 19:1-16	John 19:17-42

How fickle we can be! One minute we praise and honour God, the next moment we can be denying Him. This is a common thread in God's dealings with humanity. But Praise God that He is faithful and righteous and will achieve His purposes- the pinnacle of which is a relationship with you! How humbling it is to consider that it is solely through God's heart and work, the culmination of which we see in the person of Jesus Christ, that we are included in God's family! Hosannah!

Week 4 Sunday 24th April – It's Really Good!

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
24 th April	Jn 20:1-18	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	Acts 17:22-34	1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Following Jesus is a "has happened", "is happening" and "will happen" faith. Jesus has risen from the dead and in one sense- we have been raised with him and are now seated in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6). Everyday we take hold of this truth and live more and more in the truth of this (is happening). Eventually we will see the complete fulfillment when we avoid the second death and are resurrected unto life, (see Revelation 20:13-15). This week enjoy the excitement of the resurrection, both Jesus' and yours, the fulfillment of which is to come!