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# Using the Lectionary: readings and themes

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- Guide to the Calendar and Lectionary for each year
- gives precise instructions on:
  - Collects (the Collects authorised for experimental use until 2019)
  - Feast Days
  - Categories in the Calendar for Sundays and Feast Days
  - Liturgical Colours
  - Orders of Daily Prayer to be used on Sundays and Feast Days

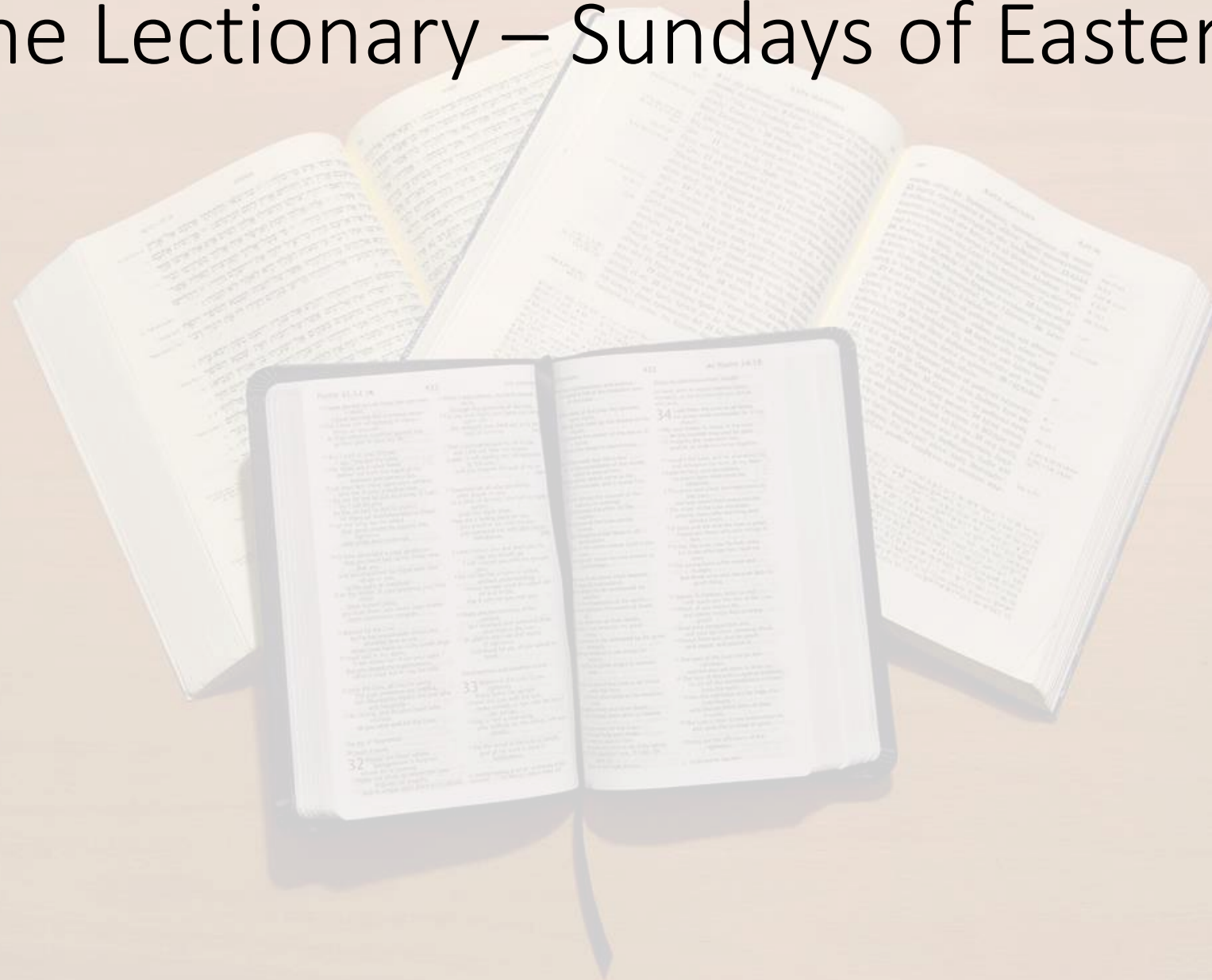
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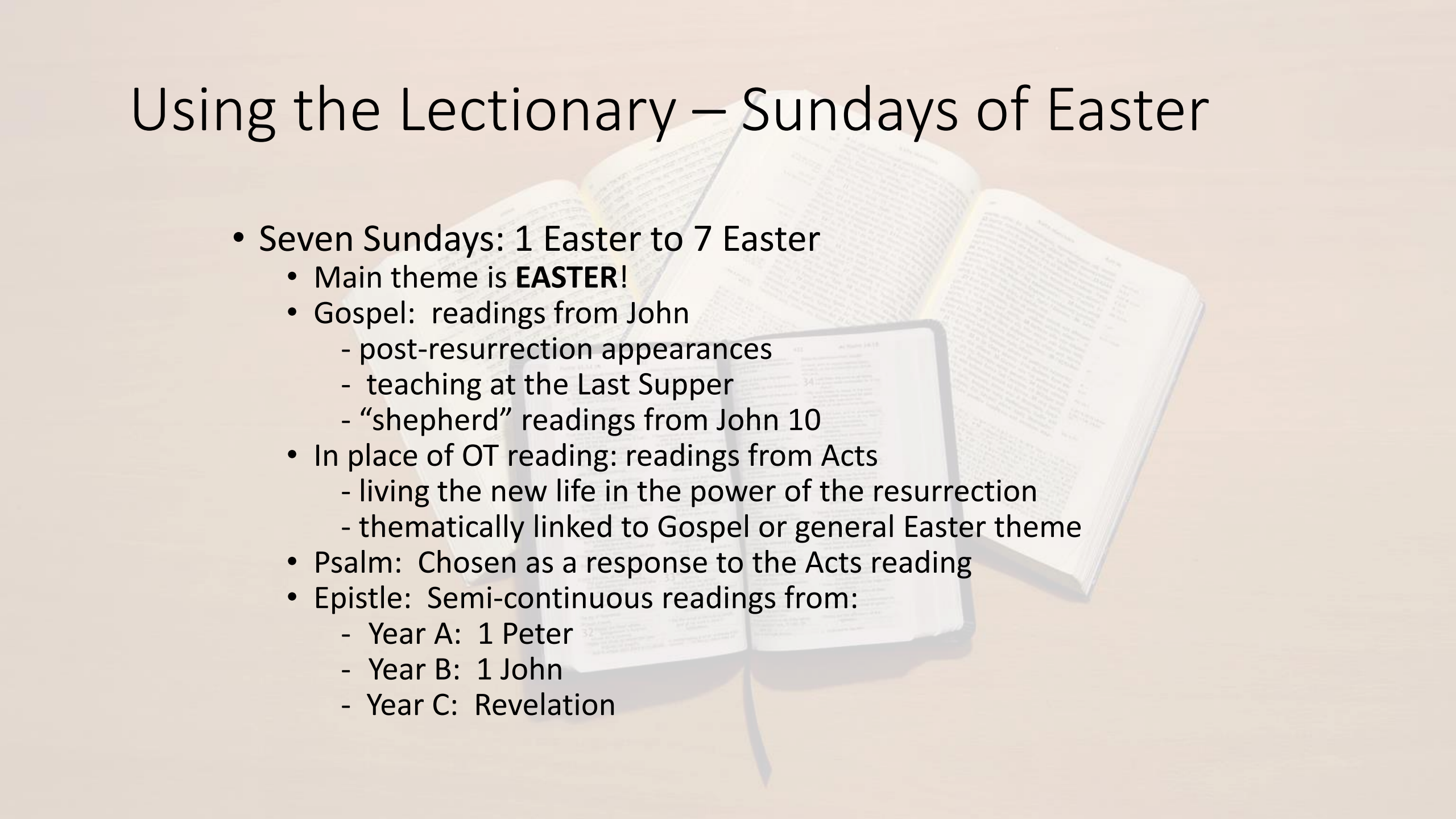
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Revised Common Lectionary readings: Year C;  
Daily Eucharist and Daily Prayer readings: Year 1

# Using the Lectionary – Sundays of Easter



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- Seven Sundays: 1 Easter to 7 Easter
  - Main theme is **EASTER!**
  - Gospel: readings from John
    - post-resurrection appearances
    - teaching at the Last Supper
    - “shepherd” readings from John 10
  - In place of OT reading: readings from Acts
    - living the new life in the power of the resurrection
    - thematically linked to Gospel or general Easter theme
  - Psalm: Chosen as a response to the Acts reading
  - Epistle: Semi-continuous readings from:
    - Year A: 1 Peter
    - Year B: 1 John
    - Year C: Revelation



# Using the Lectionary – Sundays of Easter

- For Easter 5:

## Year A

Acts 7:55-60

Ps 31:1-5,15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

## Year B

Acts 8:26-40

Ps 22:24-30

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

## Year C

Acts 11:1-18

Ps 148

Rev 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

# Using the Lectionary – Sundays after Pentecost



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- Sundays after Pentecost: - how many there are varies from year to year
  - Depends on the date of Easter, which is the first Sunday after first full moon after the Spring equinox (21<sup>st</sup> March). So Easter can be any date between 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> April, and Pentecost between 10<sup>th</sup> May and 13<sup>th</sup> June.
  - So there are between 28 and 23 Sundays of Ordinary Time after Pentecost, up to the start of Advent in the next Liturgical Year.

# Two main cycles

Advent – Christmas – Epiphany – Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

Solar calendar

Ordinary time

Lent – Holy Week – Easter – Ascension - Pentecost

Ordinary time

Lunar calendar



# Using the Lectionary –Sundays in Ordinary Time

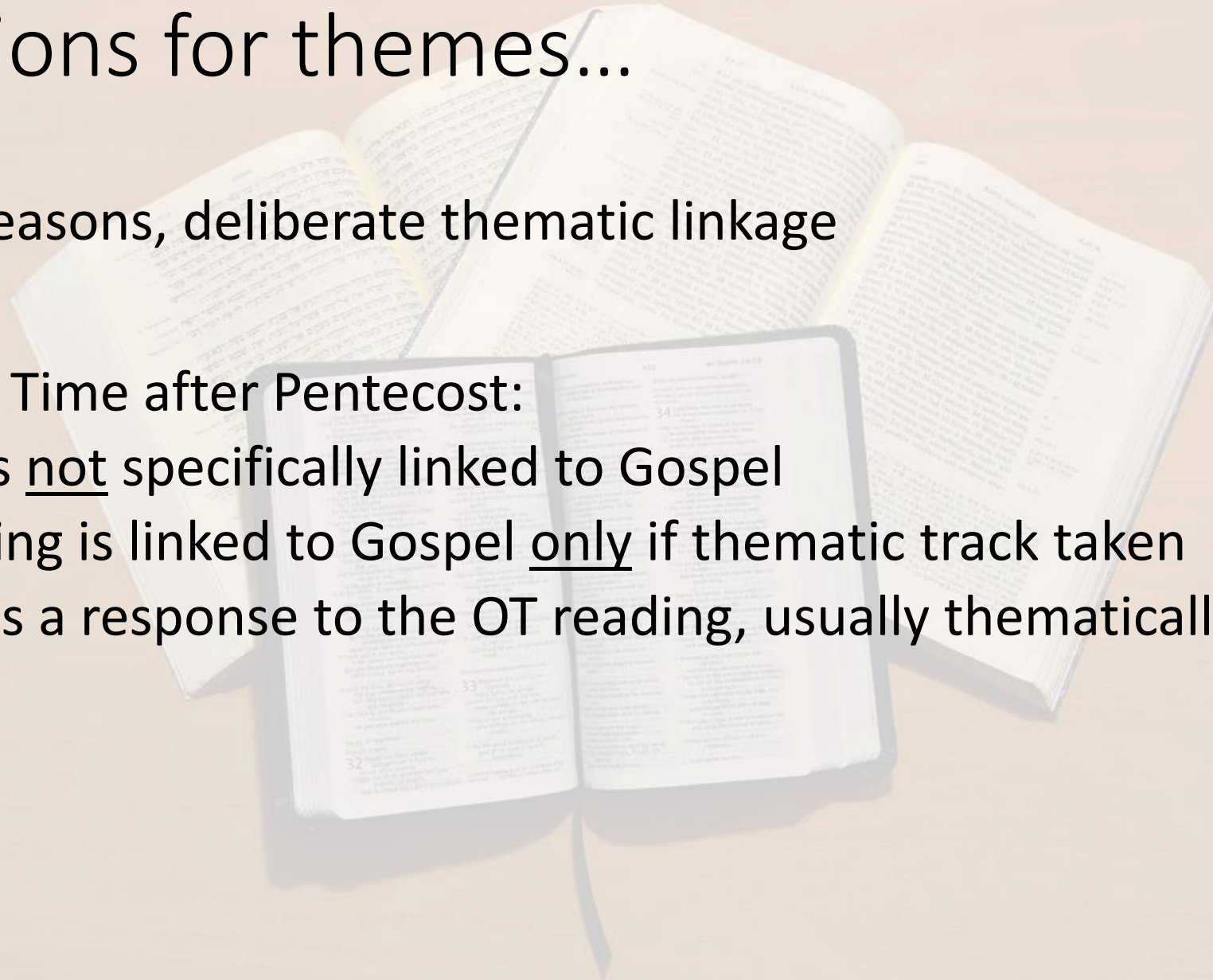
## The Church's Seasons:

- Advent (4 Sundays)
- Christmas (2 Sundays)
- Sundays after Epiphany (**Ordinary Time: Sundays of Proper 1 to between 4 and 9**)
- Lent (5 Sundays)
- Easter (7 Sundays)
- Pentecost (1 Sunday)
- Trinity (1 Sunday)
- Sundays after Pentecost (**Ordinary Time: Sundays of between Proper 6 and Proper 11 to Proper 34**)

*(NB Some lectionaries start numbering Sundays of Ordinary Time after Pentecost – so the numbers are all lower (add 5 to get the SEC numbering).*

# Implications for themes...

- In special seasons, deliberate thematic linkage
- In Ordinary Time after Pentecost:
  - Epistle is not specifically linked to Gospel
  - OT reading is linked to Gospel only if thematic track taken
  - Psalm, as a response to the OT reading, usually thematically linked to this



# Using the Lectionary – Sundays after Pentecost

- For Sunday of Proper 15

(Sunday between 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July):

## Year A

Is 55:10-13

Ps 65:(1-8)9-14

Rom 8:1-11

Mt 13:1-9, 18-23

## Year B

Am 7:7-15

Ps 85:8-13

Eph 1:3-14

Mk 6:14-29

## Year C

Dt 30:9-14

Ps 25:1-9

Col 1:1-14

Lk 10:25-37

# Using the Lectionary – Festivals



- In most cases just one set of readings across years A,B and C is given for Eucharists on Festival days.
- There are further readings for Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer
- The Collect is usually thematically related to the Festival

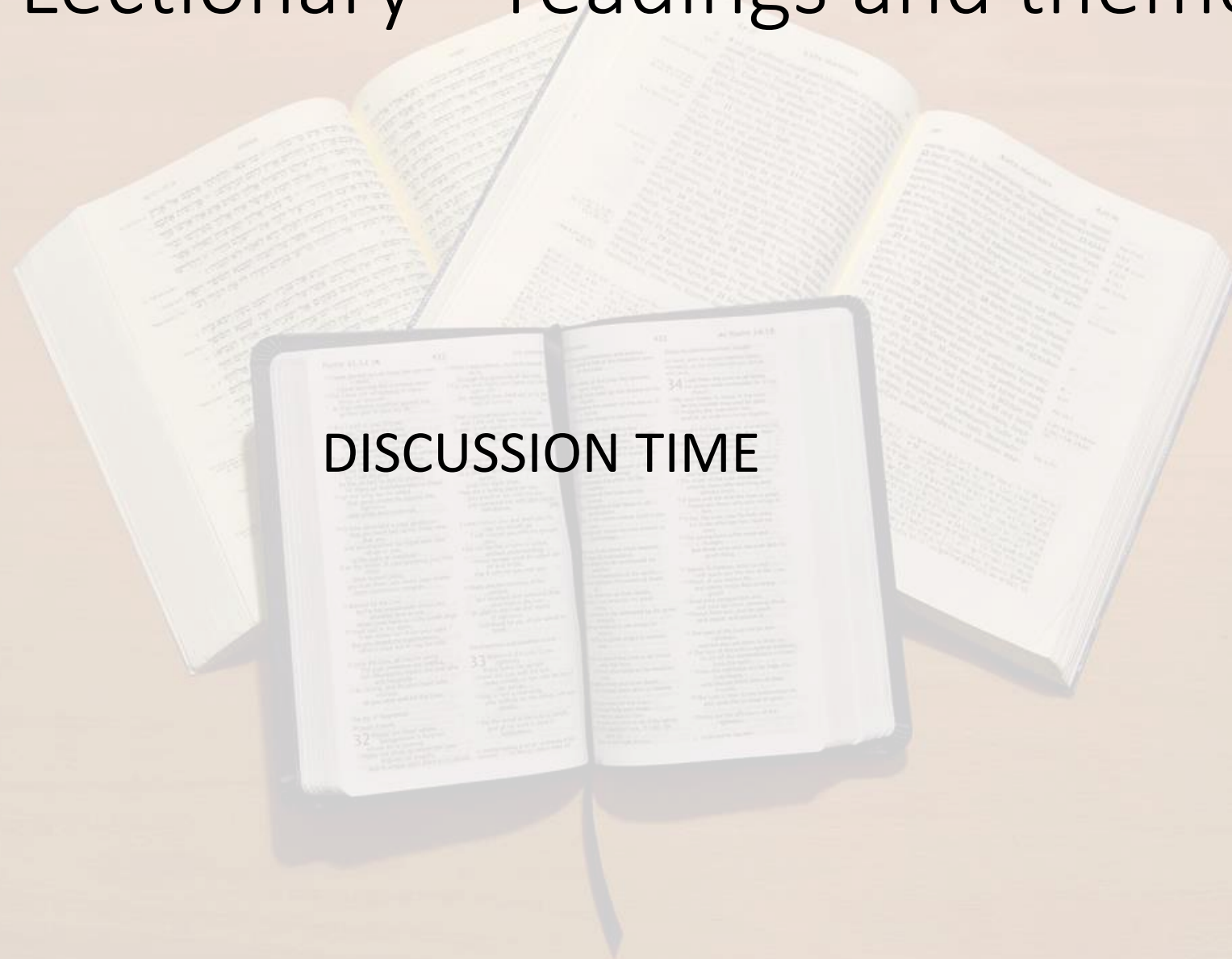


# Using the Lectionary – readings and themes

## Resources:

- Jane Williams, “Lectionary Reflections, Years A, B & C”, SPCK (2011)
- "Exciting Holiness" Collections and Readings for the Festivals and Lesser Festivals of the Calendars of (inter alia) The Scottish Episcopal Church. Published by Canterbury Press, Norwich. ISBN 978 1 85311 806 7
- Judith Dimmond, “Gazing on the Gospel” – sermon reflections on the Gospel
- Website of the Scottish Episcopal Church:  
<https://.www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/>

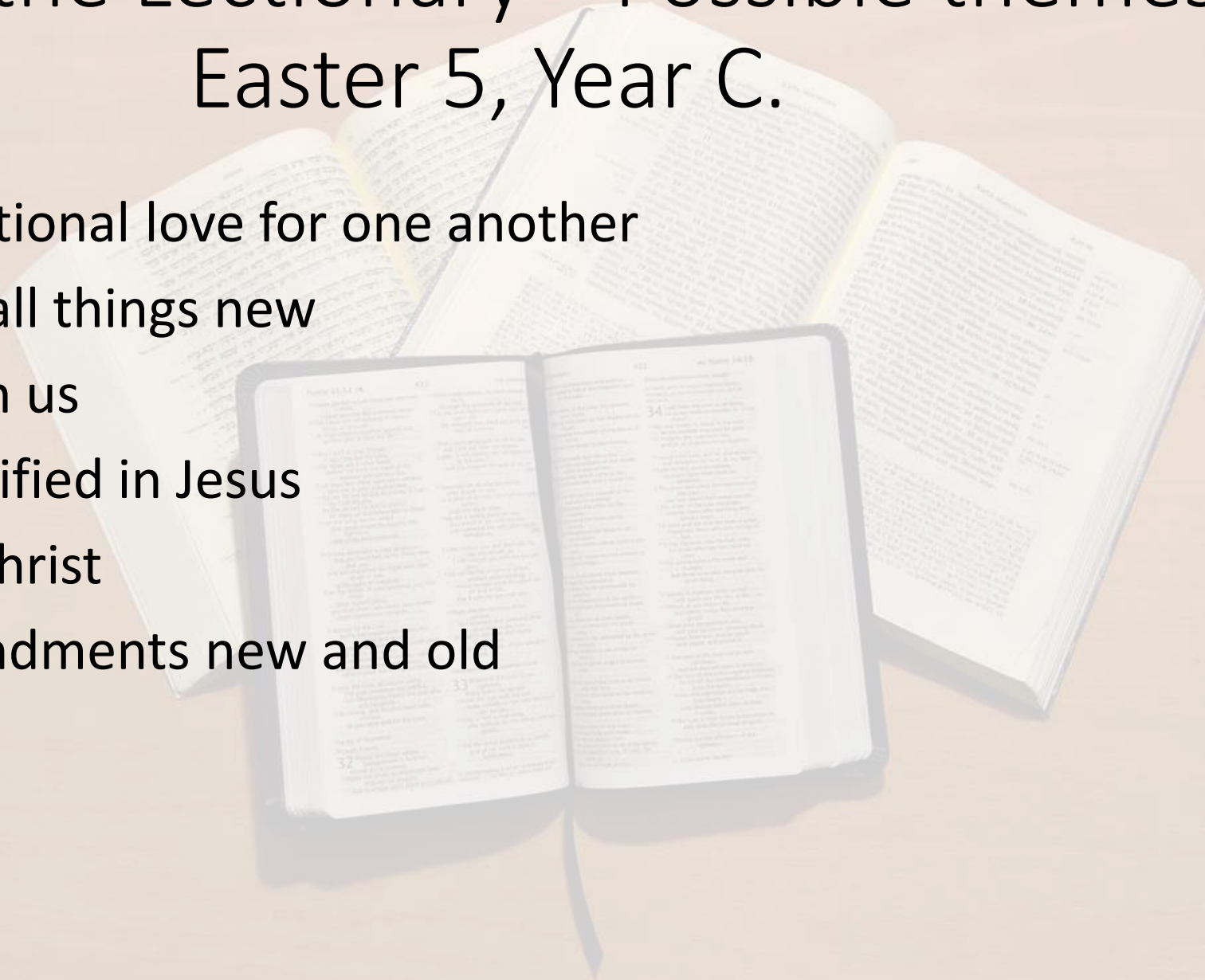
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**DISCUSSION TIME**

# Using the Lectionary – Possible themes Easter 5, Year C.

- ❖ Unconditional love for one another
- ❖ Making all things new
- ❖ God with us
- ❖ God glorified in Jesus
- ❖ One in Christ
- ❖ Commandments new and old



# Using the Lectionary – Inadvisable themes

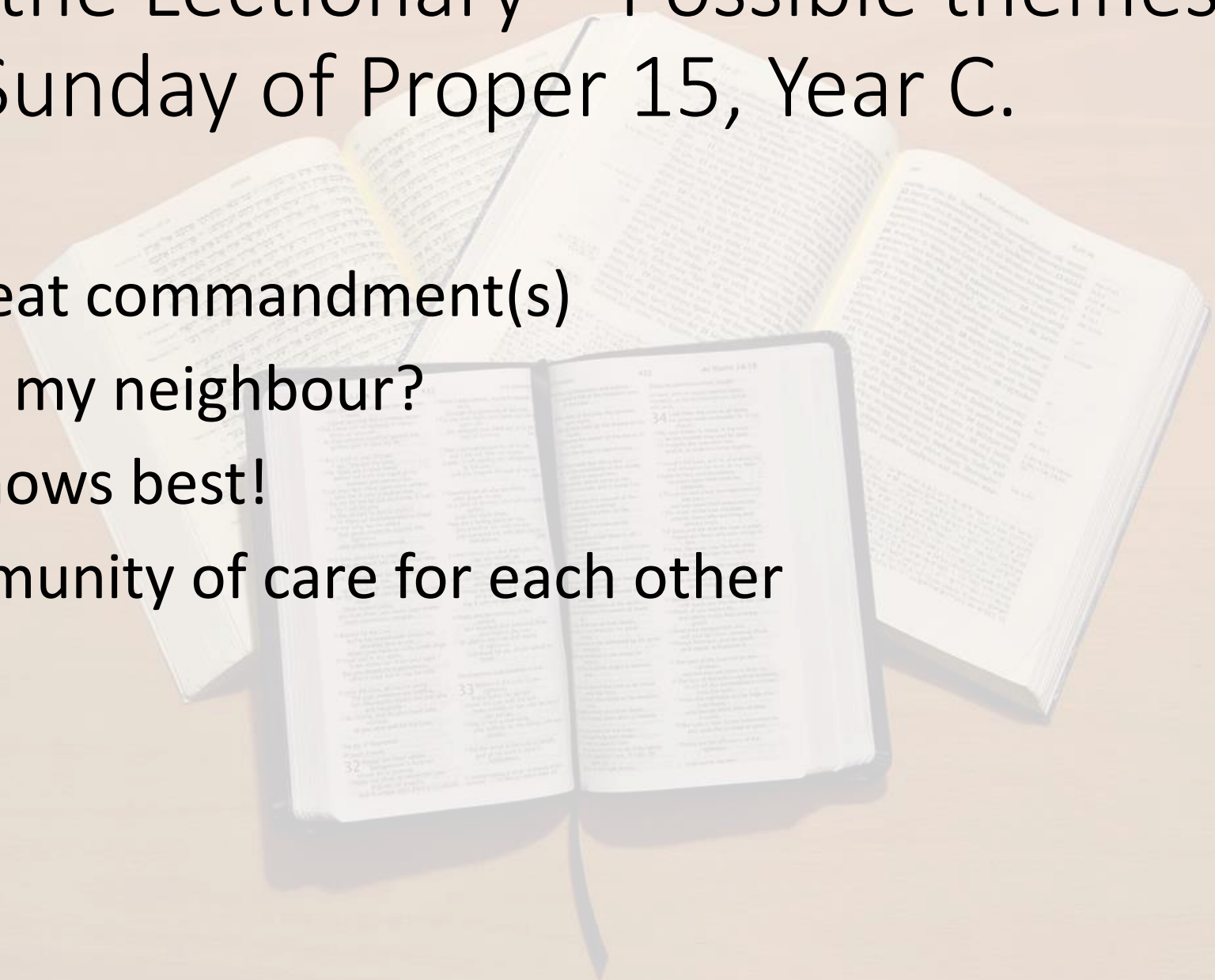
## Easter 5, Year C.

- God speaks to us through visions
  - Peter and Cornelius were guided by visions
  - John learned about heaven through visions
  - We should pray to receive visions when we want guidance
  - Don't make any big decisions until you have received guidance from a vision
- Speaking in the tongues of Heaven
  - Cornelius' household received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues
  - All believers receive the Holy Spirit, so all must speak in tongues
  - John in his vision heard voices from the throne – they must have been speaking in tongues
  - You aren't a Christian and can't live in heaven unless you speak in tongues
  - Pray for the gift of tongues if you want to become a Christian
  - Christians shouldn't share fellowship with anyone who doesn't speak in tongues



# Using the Lectionary – Possible themes Sunday of Proper 15, Year C.

- ❖ The great commandment(s)
- ❖ Who is my neighbour?
- ❖ God knows best!
- ❖ A community of care for each other



# Using the Lectionary – Inadvisable themes Sunday of Proper 15, Year C.

- How to get rich and prosperous in three easy steps
  - Deut 30 promises that if we obey Old Testament rules, we will prosper
  - Therefore we must obey all the rules
  - If we have misfortune, clearly we are being punished for our sins
  - The church should allow entry only to those who are prosperous
- Safety first – stay in safe areas, stay with the crowd
  - The man in Jesus' story was travelling alone, and got mugged
  - You should always travel with others, and avoid country roads
  - Even better, stay at home if you want to be safe
  - You can't expect a Good Samaritan to help you if you don't practise safety-first