

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 12: verses 1 to 4a

The Call of Abram

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading from the New Testament

Romans 4: verses 1 to 5, 13 to 17

The Example of Abraham

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

God's Promise Realised through Faith

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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Gospel Reading

John 3: verses 1 to 17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no

one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Notices

Lent Course – Amazing Grace

This years Lent Course will start on Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm and run until Wednesday 5th April. The course is being held at Godfrey Seniors home, Coachman's Cottage, Meynell Langley. All welcome. For more information on the course please visit this link: <https://amazing-grace.co.uk/welcome>



Admissions Appeals - Panel Members

The Diocesan Board of Education offers an independent service to church schools to organise and clerk admissions appeals. To do this, they are reliant on panel members who must act in a voluntary capacity and be independent. They urgently need more appeal panel members. If this is something you are interested in, please e-mail officeDBE@derby.anglican.org for more information.

The Clerical Quiz

John Bland has put together a Quiz to raise money for All Saints' Mackworth after the devastating arson attack. Questions and/or answers link to places of worship, or clerical persons. A minimum donation of £1 is needed to enter. Closing date is 13th April 2023. Quiz sheets are available from Betty Bond or Margaret Hanson.

If you would like to include a notice in the pew sheet, please contact Sue Silcock – e-mail: susan_silcock@hotmail.com.

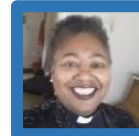
Dates for your Diary

Next Sunday.....

12th March – The Third Sunday of Lent – Morning Prayer at 9.30am

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Refreshments – are served at the back of church following this service – please join us for a cuppa and a chat – all welcome!



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**WELCOME TO
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
KIRK LANGLEY**

Sunday 5th March 2023

Second Sunday of Lent



The service today is Holy Communion

If you have a prayer request, please pass to the Vicar or Church Warden.

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.