

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Acts 1. verses 6 to 14

The Ascension of Jesus

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading from the New Testament

1 Peter 4. verses 12 to 14; 5. verses 6 to 11

Suffering as a Christian

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

To the Elders and the Flock

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Reading

John 17. verses 1 to 11

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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Notices

A message from Jacqueline

Just to say thank you all so much for two wonderful Sundays: the joint benefice service in Mugginton was so warm and affirming: it was the perfect way to end my ministry in the parishes. I wasn't expecting my last Sunday at Kirk Langley to be so poignant too. It took me totally by surprise, so thanks to all of you for your lovely cards and undeserved words of kindness. And to Kathleen for her speech and Mary for the cake! Thanks too for the beautiful and generous gift of Blue John jewellery and my book token. Blue John will always have a special place in my heart because of all the family trips we took to Derbyshire over the years and of course the link with All Saints Mackworth.



I will never forget you. Thanks for everything, and every blessing for the future. Best wishes, Jacqueline

22 Questions - Tuesday 23rd May 7.30pm - 9pm

David and Chris Halfpenny (Dyer) invite you to join them in an informal discussion group sharing thoughts on a question. We don't promise answers but we do promise a safe place to talk - and a cuppa (with good biscuits!) All welcome at 22 Phildock Wood Road, DE22 4PH Email c.a.dyer@talk21.com if you'd like directions.

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



Dates for your Diary

Next Sunday.....

28th May – Pentecost – Holy Communion
9:30am.

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

Sunday 21st May 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter



The service today is Holy Communion

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.