

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

### Acts 7: verses 55 to the end

#### The Stoning of Stephen

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Bible Reading from the New Testament

### 1 Peter 2: verses 2 to 10

#### The Living Stone and a Chosen People

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone

chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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## Gospel Reading

### John 14: verses 1-14

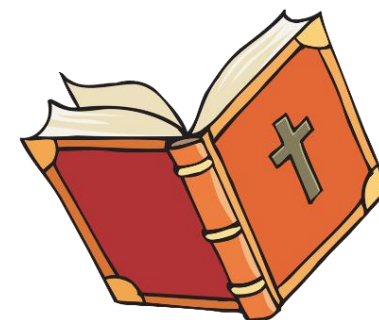
#### Jesus the Way to the Father

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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# Notices

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

## **Revision of All Saints Mackworth Electoral Roll.**

The annual revision of the church Electoral Roll is taking place between 23rd April and 7th May in preparation for the church annual meeting on 23rd May. To be actively involved at the meeting you need to be on the Electoral Roll.

Please contact Rosie Everett on Tel: 518848 or any member of the PCC if you would like to be added to the roll.

## **Coronation Celebration Picnic**

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, all the congregation of St Michael's and All Saints are cordially invited to come along from 12-1230pm to the home of Lady Helen Scarsdale at Rectory House, Kedleston to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a picnic!

## **22 Questions - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 (Langley Country Park near the water tower on Radbourne Lane)  
Email [c.a.dyer@talk21.com](mailto:c.a.dyer@talk21.com) if you'd like directions.

**If you would like to include a notice in the pew sheet, please contact Emma Jones at [emvicjones@gmail.com](mailto:emvicjones@gmail.com)**

# Dates for your Diary

## Next Sunday.....

14<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 6 – Morning Prayer  
at 9.30am

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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**A special Commemorative Service  
for the Coronation**



**The service today is Morning Prayer**

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

**Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.**