

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Exodus 20: verses 1 to 17

The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

First Reading at Service Bible Reading from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 1: verses 18 to 25

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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Second Reading at Service Gospel Reading

John 2: verses 13 to 22

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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Notices

Refreshments – everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa, biscuit and chat after the service. If you would like to help serving drinks, please do sign up on the rota to the end of March on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Celebrate! Bring your family to our 'Celebrate Easter' event at 10.30am on Easter Saturday, 30th March, in the Folly at the Farmhouse at Mackworth. There will be activities, a video of the Easter story and songs for children and adults.

**Thank
YOU**

to all who donated their used stamps. I have just received the news that our efforts to raise money for Bone Cancer Research achieved an incredible **£12903.80 p** in 2023. Every £ raised has gone directly into funding this life saving work. Please continue your efforts as more people go digital, we need your help now more than ever! Peter

Thanks – to those who made a donation to Christian Aid at the Ash Wednesday service. A total of £73 was raised.

Open Church Wednesdays - the doors of our beautiful church are open to welcome you every Wednesday between 1pm and 4pm for refreshments, a chat or simply as a space for quiet reflection. We will be delighted to see you!



Dates for the Diary

10th March – 9.30am – Morning Prayer – Fourth Sunday of Lent

17th March – 9.30am – Holy Communion – Fifth Sunday of Lent

24th March – 9.30am – Holy Communion – Palm Sunday

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**WELCOME TO
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KIRK LANGLEY**

**Sunday 3rd March 2024
The Third Sunday of Lent**



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.