

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

### Exodus 3: verses 1 to 15

#### Moses at the Burning Bush

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

#### The Divine Name Revealed

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to

them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Bible Reading from the New Testament

### Romans 12: verses 9 to 21

#### Marks of the True Christian

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord.

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## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 16: verses 21 to 28

#### Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

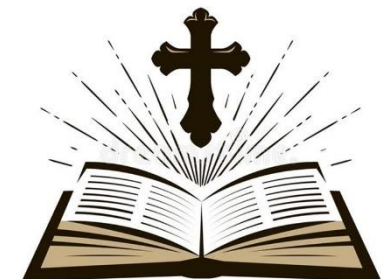
#### The Cross and Self-Denial

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?'

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



# Notices

**Refreshments** – do join us at the end of the service for a cuppa and biscuit. Everyone is welcome!

**Offertory** – the collection plate will be passed around during the singing of the offertory/ third hymn in the service. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the Church for both Kirk Langley and Mackworth.

**Come and Join Us!** Our beautiful church is open every Wednesday from 1pm – 4pm to welcome you with refreshments, a chat or simply as a space for quiet reflection. Please pop in – we will be delighted to see you!

## **22 Questions**

The next discussion evening will be at 22 Phildock Wood Road DE22 4PH at 7.30- 9pm on Tuesday 12th September. We aren't quite sure what the exact question is, but it will be around gender identity and David will start us off with a short introduction. This may be a sensitive topic but we're sure everyone will be mindful of each other's points of view and feelings.



## **Praying For All Saints**

Members of both All Saints and Kirk Langley are invited to pray for the future of All Saints on Sunday September 10th at 2.30pm in Mackworth churchyard. Here, in a brief time of prayer, we'll take the opportunity to thank God for his blessings in the past and ask him to guide the way forward. Feel free to bring a flask/ bottle/snack etc and a

chair so that we can also chat informally and enjoy each other's company. If it rains, brings broly/wellies and join Bryan, Marion and Chris for a briefer prayer which will go ahead anyway.

## **Harvest Supper**

The Harvest Supper will take place on Monday 9th October at 7pm. A hot meal is being served at a price of £17.50 per person. Please remember to bring your own drink and cutlery. To book a place please contact Margaret on 01332 824872 or Mary on 07890 397969.

## Next Sunday.....

10<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 14 - Holy Communion at 930am

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If you would like to include a notice in the pew sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**



**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.**