

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Proverbs 8. 1, verses 22 to 31

The Gifts of Wisdom

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

Wisdom's Part in Creation

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the
waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

First Reading at Service Bible Reading from the New Testament

Colossians 1: verses 15 to 20

The Supremacy of Christ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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Second Reading at Service Gospel Reading

John 1: verses 1 to 14

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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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.

Organ restoration - on the table at the back of the church is a photobook that shows all the work involved in restoring the organ. Please do look at it but do not remove it from church.

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!

Don't forget your stamps!

Please continue to save your used stamps and help us find a cure for cancer. There is a box for them at the back of the church. Thank you to all who have contributed so far – I have just sent 1kg of stamps in aid of Cancer Research! – Peter.

Thank you!

Members of Kirk Langley WI wish to thank other members, church members and friends in supporting their Dinner Dance and other fund-raising activities to raise funds for MND. A total of £1,170 was forwarded to the Society. Betty Bond sends her sincere thanks to all those who supported this cause.

A huge thanks for everyone who has contributed to the Food 4 Thought Foodbank box. The project is very grateful indeed for the continuing support. Chris and David.

Dates for the Diary

11th February – 9.30am – Holy Communion –
Sunday before Lent

14th February – 11.30am – Holy Communion &
Ashing – Ash Wednesday

18th February – 9.30am – Holy Communion –
First Sunday of Lent

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please contact Emma Jones.*

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 4th February 2024

The Second Sunday Before Lent



The service today is Morning Prayer

*If you have a prayer request, please pass to
the church warden.*

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.