

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 40: verses 1 to 11

God's People Are Comforted

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading from the New Testament

2 Peter 3: verses 8 to 15a

The Promise of the Lord's Coming

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Final Exhortation and Doxology

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: verses 1 to 8

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

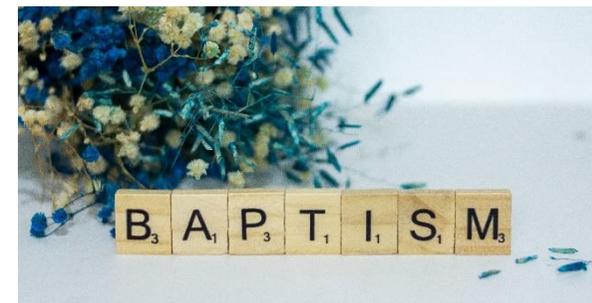
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congratulations on your Baptism!

Today we have the privilege of witnessing
Rebecca & Albie being welcomed into God's
family!



Notices

Refreshments – please join us for a cuppa and a biscuit after the service. Thank you to all who have signed up on the rota to help for 2024 but there are still spaces available if you would like to help!

Open Church Wednesdays back in 2024. The church will be closed on Wednesday afternoons during December. We shall be back in the New Year 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!

22 Questions The next open discussion group (at 22 Phildock Wood Road DE22 4PH) will be on Tuesday 12th December from 7.30-9pm. As well as tea/coffee/biscuits there will be wine. If you feel like bringing any other nibbles/ drink please feel free (no way compulsory!) If you haven't joined us before, please contact Chris for directions on 07502291577.

Community Carols in the Folly at the Farmhouse at Mackworth. There will be traditional and modern carols for everyone to sing along with, actions for children and amusing video sketches of when a 21st century nativity collides with the 1st century Nativity. The carols will start at 6.15pm on Sunday, 10th December, and will be followed by a hog roast.

Christmas Gifts made by Julie Jones are being sold in Church on the 10th and 17th December for St Michael's funds.

Dates for the Diary

17th December – 9.30am – Holy Communion

20th December – 2.30pm - Carols in the Afternoon with Kirk Langley School. All Welcome

24th December - 6pm: Carol Service. All welcome

25th December – 9.30am - Morning Prayer

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WELCOME TO
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 10th December 2023

The Second Sunday of Advent



Baptism with Holy Communion

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.

