

## Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

### Acts 1: verses 15 to 17; 21 to 26 Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Dates for the Diary

19<sup>th</sup> May - 9.30am - Pentecost - Holy Communion

26<sup>th</sup> May - 9.30am - Trinity Sunday – Morning Prayer

## First Reading at Service Bible Reading from the New Testament

### 1 Corinthians 13: verses 1 to 13 The Gift of Love

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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## Second Reading at Service Gospel Reading

### John 17: verses 6 to 19 Jesus Prays for His Disciples

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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# Notices

**Refreshments** - everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa, biscuit and chat after the service at the back of church. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with refreshments for the next few weeks.

**Prayer and discussion group** - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm - 9pm, and weekly thereafter at Coachman's Cottage, Meynell Langley. Exploring scripture and praying together about our mission. All are welcome.

**Bluebell Walk** – at 5pm on 18<sup>th</sup> May join us for a woodland bluebell walk at Meynell Langley. Parking is available at the garden centre. There will be a cup of tea in the house afterwards and donations for Christian Aid would be appreciated.



**22 Questions** The next open discussion group (at 22 Phildock Wood Road DE22 4PH) will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 7.30-9pm. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits! If you haven't joined us before, please contact Chris for directions on 07502291577.



**Join Cole Moreton at All Saints' Mugginton** – for what promises to be a wonderful evening at 7.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> May! Contact Bill for tickets on 07768835427 or at wa59@btinternet.com. Proceeds to the maintenance of Mugginton's historic Church building.



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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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Seventh Sunday of Easter



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.*