

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Amos 5: verses 18 to 24

### The Day of the Lord a Dark Day

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## First Reading at Service

### Bible Reading from the New Testament

1 Thessalonians 4: verses 13 to end

### The Coming of the Lord

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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**All: Thanks be to God.**



## Second Reading at Service

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 25: verses 1 to 13

### The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Notices

**Refreshments** – everyone welcome to join us for a cuppa and biscuit after the service. Thank you to everyone who has helped with refreshments in 2023. A new rota from December to February 2024 is on the noticeboard, please sign up to help.

**22 Questions** “22 Questions” a discussion group where very one is welcome, is on Tuesday 14th November 7.30-9pm at 22 Phildock Wood Road DE22 4PH. Godfrey Meynell will open the discussion on creation issues like climate change.



**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!

**Thank You**

Thank you to Meynell Langley Garden Centre for the beautiful display tub outside the church door!

Many thanks too to everyone who attended the Harvest Supper and to all who helped. £1575 was raised for church funds.

**Notecards** Photographic notecards are now available for sale at the back of the church for £1.

### **Rebuilding All Saints' Mackworth – Update**

We have organised a brainstorming day with Reverend James Hughes (Area Dean) and our Architects on 21 November from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

to agree what the inside of our rebuilt Church should look like. Venue to be arranged. Can as many members of the congregation please attend - your views are very important.

Don McLure - ROMP Project Lead.

### Next Sunday

19th November – Holy Communion 930am

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please contact Emma Jones.*

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Third Sunday before Advent**

**Remembrance Sunday**



**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.**