

First Reading at Service

Reading from the New Testament

Philippians 3: verses 17 to 4.1

Pressing towards the Goal

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

Luke 13: verses 31 to 35

The Lament over Jerusalem

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and

tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 15: verses 1 to 12 and 17 to 18

God's Covenant with Abram

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but

your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Notices

Refreshments – after the service everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and biscuit at the back of church. The rota to help in April and May is now up on the board, please do sign up.

ECO Church Here is this week's **GREEN TIP**.....

BUY LOCAL PRODUCE! The average item of fresh food travels an astonishing 1,500 miles before we buy it; creating emissions through transport, refrigeration and production processes. You can help to eliminate this by buying from local producers.

Have you got a green tip we can share?
Tell one of the Eco Team!

Lent Course - Thursday 20th March at 7.30pm (and for 3 more weeks) in the Meynell Chapel in Church. It will be led by Bryan Jones and Session 3 is entitled 'Our Daily Bread' Please join us and let Bryan or Michael know.

Mothering Sunday Service – 9.30am on 30th March. A service for all the family (aged 0 to 101+) please invite people! Every child can present their Mother and Grandmothers with a posy of flowers, provided by the Church, to celebrate the day.



Next Week

23rd March – 3rd Sunday of Lent
Morning Prayer - 9.30am



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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

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

**Sunday 16th March 2025
Second Sunday of Lent**



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.