

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Ezekiel 17: verses 22 to end
Israel Exalted at Last

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



First Reading at Service

Bible Reading from the New Testament
2 Corinthians 5: verses 6 to 10 and 14 to 17
Living by Faith

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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Second Reading at Service

Gospel Reading
Mark 4: verses 26 to 34
The Parable of the Growing Seed

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

The Use of Parables

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Notices

Refreshments - everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa, biscuit and chat after the service at the back of church. If you are able to help with refreshments in June and July please do sign up on the rota on the noticeboard.

Kirk Langley Field Day - Kirk Langley is holding its Annual Field Day on Saturday 6th July on the GB Barrington Playing Field, from 1.30pm. The church is running a Tombola stall, a Wrapped Children's Tombola and Hoop-La. We would be very grateful if you can donate any items for these stalls as it is a major fund-raising event for us. There will be a box at the back of the church to put items in. Thank you.

200 Club, St Michael's, Kirk Langley - Members' subscriptions are now due for 2024/25 and renewal letters will soon be distributed to existing members. The cost of membership is £20 per ticket and there are three prize draws each year – Harvest, Christmas and Easter - with prize money of £40, 1st place and £20, 2nd place. If you are not already a member and would like to join, please contact Michael Heap or Margaret Matthews for further information. Funds from the 200 Club help with the daily running costs of St Michael's Church.

Coffee morning - Tuesday
2nd July, 10.00am-12.30pm at
home of Sandra Wooddisse, 51
Ashbourne Road. Donations
welcomed for Marie Curie. All
welcome!



Advance Notice! Please come and pray with us down in All Saints' Mackworth churchyard on Sunday 23rd June at 3pm. There will be a short service (about 15minutes) - bring a chair and enjoy a chat. Bring refreshments if you like. The rain won't stop us!

Dates for the Diary

23rd June – 4th After Trinity – Morning Prayer –
9.30am

30th June – 5th After Trinity – Joint Benefice
Service of Holy Communion – 10.30am –
All Saints', Mugginton

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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 16th June 2024
Third Sunday After Trinity



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.