

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 18: verses 1 to 15

A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Romans 5: verses 1 to 8

Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 9: verse 35 to Matthew 10: verse 8

The Harvest Is Great, the Labourers Few

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion

for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

The Twelve Apostles

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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Notices

Refreshments – are served at the back of church following this service – please join us for a cuppa and a chat – all welcome!



Come and Join Us! From 21st June our beautiful church will be 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!

22 Questions - Tuesday 20th June 7.30pm - 9pm

David and Chris Halfpenny (Dyer) invite you to join them in an informal discussion group sharing thoughts on a question. We don't promise answers but we do promise a safe place to talk - a cuppa (with good biscuits!) The latest question for exploration is, 'Should Christians be involved in politics?' All welcome at 22 Phildock Wood Road, DE22 4PH (Email c.a.dyer@talk21.com for directions.)

A note of Thanks

At the Mackworth APCM, Betty decided that she would stand down as Church Warden after serving the church loyally and ably for over 34 years. We thank Betty for her work which is not over because she was elected to continue as a PCC member. We wish her well for the future and look forward to benefitting from her experience and wise counsel.



Dates for your Diary

Next Sunday.....

25th June – Trinity 3 Holy Communion at 9.30am.

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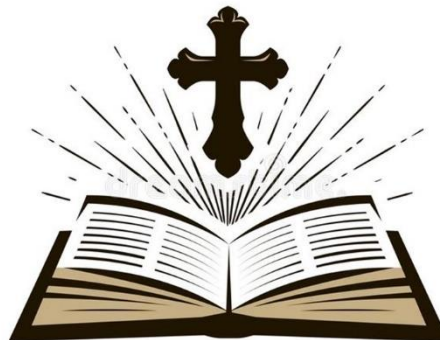
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**WELCOME TO
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
KIRK LANGLEY**

Sunday 18th June 2023

Second Sunday after Trinity



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.