

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 45: verses 1 to 7

Cyrus, God's Instrument

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading from the New Testament

1 Thessalonians 1: verses 1 to 10

The first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Salutation

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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Gospel Reading

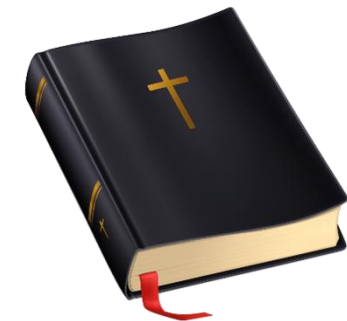
Matthew 22: verses 15 to 22

The Question about Paying Taxes

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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Notices

Refreshments – do join us at the end of the service for a cuppa and biscuit. Everyone is welcome! A new rota for October and November is on the noticeboard. Please sign up if you can help. Thank you!

22 Questions is on Tuesday 24th October at 7.30pm at 22 Phildock Wood Road, Derby DE22 4PH. This is a time of open discussion over a cuppa to which all are welcome!



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!

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

Rebuilding All Saints' Mackworth – Update

The PCC of All Saints' Church has received some great news in that our faculty application to rebuild our beautiful church has been approved by the Chancellor - 'Thanks be to God.' We are therefore now able to appoint a contractor to start the rebuilding of the walls and roof and they are committed to start the work in November. Their estimated time to complete the work is 30 months -

by May 2026. While this major work is going on, we will now start work in earnest on what the interior reordering of our church should look like, which you all will be consulted upon for your views.

Don McLure - ROMP Project Lead.

Next Sunday

29th October – Joint Benefice Service of Holy Communion, All Saints' Mugginton at 1030

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WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 22nd October 2023

Twentieth 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.