

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Joshua 24: verses 1-2a and 14 to 18 The Tribes Renew the Covenant

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



First Reading at Service Bible Reading from the New Testament

Ephesians 6: verses 10 to 20 The Whole Armour of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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Armour of God

Second Reading at Service Gospel Reading

John 6: verses 56 to 69 The Bread from Heaven

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Words of Eternal Life

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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Notices

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

Coachman's Cottage - prayer and discussion group - will continue during July and August, you are invited to join us from 7.30pm until 9pm on a Thursday for prayer and bible based discussion.

Harvest Festival & Supper - St Michael's Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 6th October at 9.30am, as usual and this will be followed by the Harvest Supper on Monday 7th October at 7pm. Tickets are £20 and are selling fast! Please contact Margaret on 01332 824872 if you are interested in attending.

URGENT

HELP
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Last Sunday Godfrey mentioned that Derby City Mission was running low on food, This week I took your Food Bank donations to Food for Thought which supplies food banks all over the city (including Derby City Mission) It appears that all our food banks are struggling. Please could you consider donating if you don't already? Tinned meat like stew and mince is especially valued. Thank you everyone for your generous support. Chris



Burial Service for Betty's Ashes

Betty's ashes will be laid to rest in her parents' grave in All Saints' Mackworth churchyard at 11.30am on Friday 30th August.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Next week....

1st September – 14th After Trinity – Holy Communion – 9.30am

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

**Sunday 25th August 2024
Thirteenth 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.