

First Reading at Service

Reading from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 12: verses 12 - 31a

One Body with Many Members

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of

healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

Luke 4: verses 14 - 21

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

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Reading from the Old Testament

Nehemiah 8: verses 1 - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10

Ezra Summons the People to Obey the Law

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, ‘Amen, Amen’, lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, ‘This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.’ For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, ‘Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.’

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Notices

Refreshments - everyone welcome to join us after the service for a cuppa and biscuit. Please do sign up on the rota if you can help with refreshments in February and March.

Altar Flower Rota – can you help with flowers for the altar? There is a rota for 2025 on the noticeboard at the back of church to offer help. If you wish to make a donation rather than arranging the flowers this may be given to Elaine Clarke. Any queries please speak to Elaine.

St Michael's Electoral Roll 2025 - An entirely new electoral roll for St Michael's is to be prepared in 2025. All persons wishing to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, will be requested to apply for enrolment from Sunday 2 February 2025, when forms will be available on the table at the rear of the Church. Completed forms should be returned to Susan Radford (Electoral Roll Officer) no later than Sunday 30 March 2025.

Thursday Group – This week there will be a Celtic evening prayer starting at 7.30pm on 30th January at 15 Quarndon View, Derby DE22 2XJ. This will be followed by discussion over coffee and chocolate biscuits. You are all welcome to join us!

Dates for the Diary

2nd February – Presentation of Christ
Holy Communion – 9.30am

9th February – 4th Before Lent
Morning Prayer – 9.30am

16th February – 3rd Before Lent
Holy Communion – 9.30am

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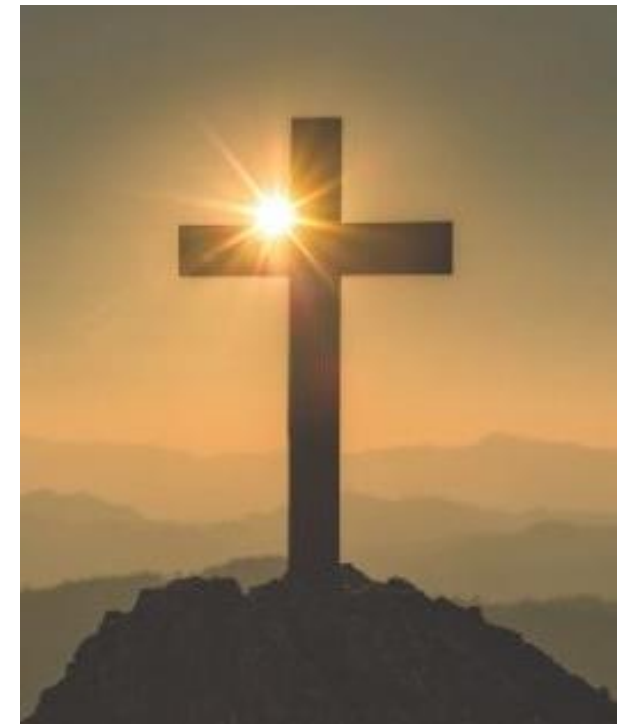
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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

WELCOME TO
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 26th January 2025
Third Sunday of Epiphany



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.