

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 22: verses 1 to 18

The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of

the Lord it shall be provided.' The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

First Reading at Service

Bible Reading from the New Testament

Acts 8: verses 26 to 40

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak,

and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

John 15: verses 1 to 8

Jesus the True Vine

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the word of the Lord.

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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. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with refreshments for the next few weeks.

All Saints' Church Mackworth - Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - All Saints' APCM is being held on Tuesday 7th May at 7.00pm in St Michael's Church, Church Lane, Kirk Langley. Copies of the Annual Report and Final Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 are available at the back of church. We currently have vacancies for 2 church wardens, if this is a position that would be of interest to you, please contact Sue Silcock (PCC Secretary) at susan_silcock@hotmail.com.

Join Cole Moreton at All Saints' Mugginton – for what promises to be a wonderful evening at 7.30pm on 18th May! Contact Bill for tickets on 07768835427 or at wa59@btinternet.com. Proceeds to the maintenance of Mugginton historic Church building.

An evening of live music and conversation with:

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Mugginton All Saints Church
Saturday May 18th, 7.30pm

Tickets £15.00
Refreshments, wine and good ambience available!

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22 Questions The next open discussion group (at 22 Phildock Wood Road DE22 4PH) will be on Tuesday 21st May from 7.30-9pm. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits! If you haven't joined us before, please contact Chris for directions on 07502291577.



Dates for the Diary

5th May – 9.30am – 6th Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion

9th May – 10.30am – Ascension Day – Morning Prayer – All Saints', Kedleston Hall

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please contact Emma Jones.*

WELCOME TO
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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.