

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 22: verses 1 to 14

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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading from the New Testament

Romans 6: verses 12-23

Dying and Rising with Christ

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Slaves of Righteousness

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you

once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 10: verses 40-42

Rewards

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

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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!

200 Club, Kirk Langley

Members' subscriptions are now due for 2023/24 and renewal letters will soon be distributed to existing members. The cost of membership is £15 per ticket and there are three draws each year – Harvest, Christmas and Easter - with prize money of £30, 1st place and £15, 2nd place. If you are not already a member and would like to join, please contact Michael Heap or Margaret Matthews for further information. Funds from the 200 Club help with the daily running costs of the Church.

Thank you.

Kirk Langley PCC wish to sincerely thank Noreen Morley (and family) for many years of very dedicated service in arranging the flowers and organising decorations for church festivals. Our church has always looked wonderful in Noreen's skilled hands.

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.

Lectio 365

Lectio 365 is an excellent app providing a daily devotional resource. It's founder Pete Grieg is currently walking 300 miles following in the footsteps of the 7th century Celtic Saint Aidan. Join Pete on his journey as he shares insights and reflections from Aidan's Way.

Dates for your Diary

Next Sunday.....

9th July – Trinity 5 Holy Communion at 9.30am.

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

Sunday 2nd July 2023

Fourth 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.