

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 58: verses 1 to 9a

### False and True Worship

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear-guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Bible Reading from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 2: verses 1 to 12

### Proclaiming Christ Crucified

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

### The True Wisdom of God

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 5: verses 13 to 20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Salt and Light

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

### The Law and the Prophets

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Notices

### **John Beighton's Funeral**

John will be received into St Mary's Church on Wednesday 8th February at 6.00pm then lie in church overnight. The funeral mass will be held on Thursday 9th at 1.00pm at St Mary's Church followed by private cremation, then a wake at British Legion Mickleover from 2.30pm. All welcome.

### **Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 – Proposed Pastoral Scheme**

#### **Benefices of Longford, Long Lane, Kirk Langley; Mackworth; Mugginton and Kedleston**

To see the full information on the Proposed Pastoral Scheme and to make representations **for** or **against** all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme, please visit:

[https://www.churchofengland.org/consultation/Longford\\_8](https://www.churchofengland.org/consultation/Longford_8) website page. The deadline for representations is midnight on Monday 20th February 2023.

### **“22 Questions”- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February - 7.30pm**

An evening to discuss random questions about faith in a friendly atmosphere. Chris and David Halfpenny invite you to 22 Phildock Wood Road, DE22 4PH. As it's pancake day we will acquire some shop-made pancakes to warm up (but please don't let that stop you having some at home before you come ) if you'd like to ensure a pancake, ask directions or have a query, please email [c.a.dyer.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:c.a.dyer.t21@btinternet.com) or ring 07502 291577.

### **The Clerical Quiz**

John Bland has put together a Quiz to raise money for All Saints' Mackworth after the devastating arson attack. Questions and/or answers link to places of worship, or clerical persons. A minimum donation of £1 is needed to enter. Closing date is 13th April 2023. Quiz sheets are available from Betty Bond or Margaret Hanson.

## Dates for your Diary

### Next Sunday.....

12<sup>th</sup> February – Second Sunday before Lent – Morning Prayer at 9.30am

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**Refreshments** – are served at the back of church following this service – please join us for a cuppa and a chat – all welcome!



**If you would like to include a notice in the pew sheet, please contact Sue Silcock – e-mail: [susan\\_silcock@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_silcock@hotmail.com).**

For more information about our church please visit -  
Website: [www.klmm-parishes.org.uk](http://www.klmm-parishes.org.uk)

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

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Third Sunday before Lent**



**The service today is Holy Communion**

*If you have a prayer request, please pass to the Vicar or Church Warden.*

**Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.**