

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Acts 17: verses 22 to 31

In Athens

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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1 Peter 3: verses 13 to 22

Suffering for Doing Good

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Gospel Reading

John 14: verses 15 to 21

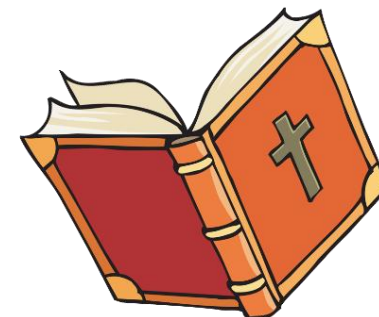
The Promise of the Holy Spirit

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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Notices

A message from Jacqueline

Just to say thank you all so much for two wonderful Sundays: the joint benefice service in Mugginton was so warm and affirming: it was the perfect way to end my ministry in the parishes. I wasn't expecting my last Sunday at Kirk Langley to be so poignant too. It took me totally by surprise, so thanks to all of you for your lovely cards and undeserved words of kindness. And to Kathleen for her speech and Mary for the cake!

Thanks too for the beautiful and generous gift of Blue John jewellery and my book token. Blue John will always have a special place in my heart because of all the family trips we took to Derbyshire over the years and of course the link with All Saints Mackworth.

I will never forget you. Thanks for everything, and every blessing for the future. Best wishes, Jacqueline



Revision of All Saints Mackworth Electoral Roll.

The annual revision of the church Electoral Roll is taking place between 23rd April and 7th May in preparation for the church annual meeting on 23rd May. To be actively involved at the meeting you need to be on the Electoral Roll. Please

contact Rosie Everett on Tel: 518848 or any member of the PCC if you would like to be added to the roll.

22 Questions - Tuesday 23rd May 7.30pm - 9pm

David and Chris Halfpenny (Dyer) invite you to join them in an informal discussion group sharing thoughts on a question. We don't promise answers but we do promise a safe place to talk - and a cuppa (with good biscuits!) All welcome at 22 Phildock Wood Road, DE22 4PH Email c.a.dyer@talk21.com if you'd like directions.

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

Dates for your Diary

Next Sunday.....

21st May – Easter 7 – Holy Communion 9.30am.

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WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 14th May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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.