

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 9: verses 1 to 4

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 1: verses 10 to 18

Divisions in the Church

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 4: verses 12 to 23

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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Notices

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, Margaret Hanson or from the back of church.

Stamping Out Cancer

Please keep collecting and placing your used stamps in the box at the back of church - Regards, Peter



If you would like to include a notice in the pew sheet, please contact Sue Silcock – e-mail: susan_silcock@hotmail.com.

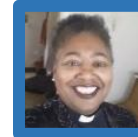
Dates for your Diary

Next Sunday.....

29th January – Joint Benefice Holy Communion at All Saints, Mugginton at 10.30am

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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!



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

Sunday 23rd January 2023

The Third Sunday of Epiphany



The service today is Morning Prayer

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.