Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 2: verses 15 to 17 & 3 verses 1 to 7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

The First Sin and Its Punishment

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." 'But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading from the New Testament

Romans 5: verses 12 to 19

Adam and Christ

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 4: verses 1 to 11

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." 'Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." 'Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Notices

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



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.

Lent Course – Amazing Grace

This years Lent Course will start on Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm and run until Wednesday 5th April. The course is being held at Godfrey Seniors home, Coachman's Cottage, Meynell Langley. All welcome. For more information on the course please visit this link: https://amazing-grace.co.uk/welcome



Stamping Out Cancer

I just wanted to thank you for your massive response to my plea for Used Postage Stamps in aid of Bone Cancer Research. Thanks to you and the rest of my Stamp Collecting Army I have just dispatched 4.6kg of stamps and albums to help this cause - 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.....

5th March – The Second Sunday of Lent – Holy Communion at 9.30am

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WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 26th February 2023

First Sunday of Lent



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.