

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

### 1 Corinthians 1: verses 3 to 9

#### Salutation

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## First Reading at Service

### Bible Reading from the New Testament

#### Isaiah 64: verses 1 to 9

#### A Prayer of Penitence

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading at Service

### Gospel Reading

#### Mark 13: verses 24 to end

#### The Coming of the Son of Man

‘But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.  
Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds”  
with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels,  
and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

#### The Lesson of the Fig Tree

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

#### The Necessity for Watchfulness

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## Notices

**Refreshments** – everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and a biscuit after the service. Thank you to people who have already signed up on the rota to help for 2024 but there are still spaces available if you would like to help.

**Open Church Wednesdays back in 2024.** The church will be closed on Wednesday afternoons during December. We shall be back in the New Year to welcome you every Wednesday between 1pm and 4pm for refreshments, a chat or simply as a space for quiet reflection. We will be delighted to see you!

**22 Questions** The next open discussion group (at 22 Phildock Wood Road DE22 4PH) will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30-9pm. As well as tea/coffee/biscuits there will be wine. If you feel like bringing any other nibbles/ drink please feel free (no way compulsory!) If you haven't joined us before, please contact Chris for directions on 07502291577.



**Community Carols in the Folly at the Farmhouse at Mackworth.** There will be traditional and modern carols for everyone to sing along with, actions for children and amusing video sketches of when a 21<sup>st</sup> century nativity collides with the 1<sup>st</sup> century Nativity. The carols will start at 6.15pm on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, and will be followed by a hog roast.

**Don't forget your Christmas stamps!** Please continue to save your used stamps and help us find a cure for cancer.



## Dates for the Diary

4<sup>th</sup> December – 6.30pm Bring a bottle and a snack to share and have a social chat with fellow parishioners!

8<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30pm Christingle Service with the pupils of Kirk Langley Primary School.

10<sup>th</sup> December – 0930 – Holy Communion.

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If you would like to include a notice in the pew sheet, please contact Emma Jones.

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

**The First Sunday of Advent**



**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.*