

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Deuteronomy 8: verses 7 to 18

A Warning Not to Forget God in Prosperity

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading from the New Testament

2 Corinthians 9: verses 6 to 15

The Collection for Christians at Jerusalem

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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Gospel Reading

Luke 12: verses 16 to 30

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Do Not Worry

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

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Notices

Refreshments – do join us at the end of the service for a cuppa and biscuit. Everyone is welcome! A new rota for October and November is on the noticeboard. Please sign up if you can help. Thank you!



Harvest Supper

Just a reminder that the Harvest Supper commences at 7pm on Monday 9th October and please bring your own cutlery and drink for the evening. Thank you.

Harvest Decorations

All are welcome to join us for tea and cake whilst enjoying our Harvest decorations in church on Sunday 8th October from 2pm-4pm.

Come and Join Us! Our beautiful church is open every Wednesday from 1pm – 4pm to welcome you with refreshments, a chat or simply as a space for quiet reflection. Please pop in – we will be delighted to see you!

Rebuilding All Saints' Mackworth – Update

The PCC of All Saints' Church has received some great news in that our faculty application to rebuild our beautiful church has been approved by the Chancellor - 'Thanks be to God.'

We are therefore now able to appoint a contractor to start the rebuilding of the walls and roof and they are committed to start the work in November. Their estimated time to complete the work is 30 months - by May 2026. While this major work is going on, we will now start work in earnest on what the interior reordering of our church should look like, which you all will be consulted upon for your views.

Don McLure - ROMP Project Lead.

Next Sunday

15th October – Trinity 19 – Morning Prayer at 930am

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

Sunday 8th October 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity



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.