

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

### Isaiah 40: verses 1 to 11

#### God's People Are Comforted

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of  
the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our  
God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'  
All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of  
the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of  
the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Bible Reading from the New Testament

### 2 Peter 3: verses 8 to 15a

#### The Promise of the Lord's Coming

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord  
one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years  
are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise,  
as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not  
wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But  
the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the  
heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the  
elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and  
everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all  
these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of  
people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and  
godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day  
of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze  
and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in  
accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens  
and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

#### Final Exhortation and Doxology

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things,  
strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or  
blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.  
So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according  
to the wisdom given to him,

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Reading at Service

### Gospel Reading

#### Mark 1: verses 1 to 8

#### The Proclamation of John the Baptist

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son  
of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in  
the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his  
paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the  
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean  
countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going  
out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan,  
confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's  
hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate  
locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is  
more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy  
to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have  
baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the  
Holy Spirit.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Congratulations on your Baptism!

Today we have the privilege of witnessing  
Rebecca & Albie being welcomed into God's  
family!



## Notices

**Refreshments** – please join us for a cuppa and a biscuit after the service. Thank you to all who have 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.

**Christmas Gifts** made by Julie Jones are being sold in Church on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December for St Michael's funds.

## Dates for the Diary

17<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am – Holy Communion

20<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30pm - Carols in the Afternoon with Kirk Langley School. All Welcome

24<sup>th</sup> December - 6pm: Carol Service. All welcome

25<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am - Morning Prayer

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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 10th December 2023

The Second Sunday of Advent



Baptism with Holy Communion

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

*Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.*

