

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 37: verses 1 to 4 and 12 to 28

Joseph Dreams of Greatness

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Joseph Is Sold by His Brothers

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and

restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading from the New Testament

Romans 10: verses 5 to 15

Salvation Is for All

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 14: verses 22 to 33

Jesus Walks on the Water

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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Notices

Refreshments – everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and a biscuit at the back of the Church. A new rota until the end of September has been put on the notice board at the back of the Church. If you can help, please do sign up and thank you to all who continue to help!

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!

200 Club, Kirk Langley

Members' subscriptions are now due for 2023/24 and renewal letters will soon be distributed to existing members. The cost of membership is £15 per ticket and there are three draws each year – Harvest, Christmas and Easter - with prize money of £30, 1st place and £15, 2nd place. If you are not already a member and would like to join, please contact Michael Heap or Margaret Matthews for further information. Funds from the 200 Club help with the daily running costs of the Church.

All Saints' Church Mackworth – Update

At last, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has some positive news about the rebuilding of our beautiful church that I wish to update you about.

On 3 July 2023 the Derby Diocese Advisory Committee decided to “not object” to our faculty application (the equivalent to a planning application) to start rebuilding the walls and roof of our church. This is good news and a big step forward.

As part of the next steps process, we have entered into a 28 days statutory notice period giving anyone in the parish the right to object to our faculty application. The public notice has been posted in the church notice board

on Lower Road and on the notice board on Langley Park Estate.

The final decision to approve or reject our faculty application lies with the Diocese Chancellor and we are hoping to hear from him in September/October.

The PCC will give you an update as soon as we hear from the Chancellor.

Don McLure Parochial Church Council Project Lead

Dates for your Diary

Next Sunday.....

20th August – Trinity 11 Morning Prayer at 0930am

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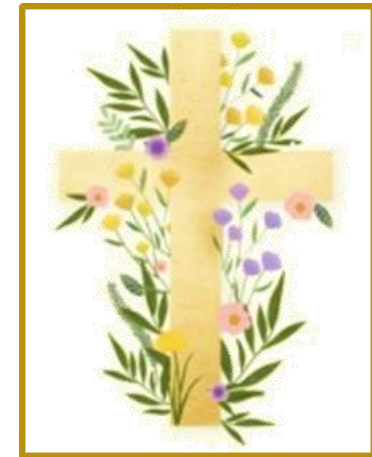
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If you would like to include a notice in the pew sheet please contact Emma Jones at emvicjones@gmail.com

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

Sunday 13th August 2023

Tenth 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.