

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

**Genesis 9: verses 8 to 17**

### The Covenant with Noah

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## First Reading at Service Bible Reading from the New Testament

**1 Peter 3: verses 18 to end**

### Suffering for Doing Right

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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## Second Reading at Service Gospel Reading

**Mark 1: verses 9 to 15**

### The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

### The Temptation of Jesus

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

### The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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## Notices

**Refreshments** – everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa, biscuit and chat after the service. If you would like to help serving drinks, please do sign up on the rota to the end of March on the noticeboard at the back of church.

**Organ restoration** - on the table at the back of the church is a photobook that shows all the work involved in restoring the organ. Please do look at it but do not remove it from church.

**Open Church Wednesdays** - the doors of our beautiful church are open 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!

**Thank you** – to all who donated their used stamps. I have just received the news that our efforts to raise money for Bone Cancer Research achieved an incredible **£12903.80 p** in 2023. Every £ raised has gone directly into funding this life saving work. Please continue your efforts as more people go digital, we need your help now more than ever! Peter

**Thanks** – to those who made a donation to Christian Aid at the Ash Wednesday service. A total of £73 was raised.



## Dates for the Diary

25<sup>th</sup> February – 9.30am – Morning Prayer –  
Second Sunday of Lent

3<sup>rd</sup> March – 9.30am – Holy Communion –  
Third Sunday of Lent

10<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30am – Morning Prayer – Fourth  
Sunday of Lent

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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 18th February 2024  
The First Sunday of Lent**



**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.***