

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Zephaniah 1: verses 7, and 12 to end

The Coming Judgement on Judah

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The Great Day of the Lord

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of 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 Thessalonians 5: verses 1 to 11

The Coming of the Lord

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. This is the word of the Lord.

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Second Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25: verses 14 to 30

The Parable of the Talents

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who

had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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Notices

Refreshments – everyone welcome to join us for a cuppa and biscuit after the service. Thank you to everyone who has helped with refreshments in 2023. A new rota from December to February 2024 is on the noticeboard, please sign up to help.

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. Pop in – 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 12th 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.



Rebuilding All Saints' Mackworth – Update

Our planning for the interior design of the church will take place at the Farmhouse, Ashbourne Road, Mackworth DE22 4LY on 21st November. The session will be between 9.30 am and 2.00 pm. Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be provided. Our planning will be led by Reverend James Hughes (Area Dean) and our Buttress Architects. It would be great if as many of you as possible can attend - your views are very important.

Don McLure - ROMP Project Lead

Burial The burial of Wendy Chambers' ashes will take place at 11.15am on Sunday 26th November in the Garden of Remembrance.'

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



Next Sunday

26th November – Holy Communion 930am

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

Sunday 19th November 2023

Second Sunday before 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.