

## **Bible Reading from the Old Testament**

**Genesis 7: verses 1 to 5, 11 to 18; 8: verses 6 to 18; 9: verses 8 to 13**

### **The Great Flood**

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

### **The Flood Subsides**

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven

days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

### **The Covenant with Noah**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons, '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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **First Reading at Service**

### **Bible Reading from the New Testament**

**Acts 4: verses 5 to 12**

#### **Peter and John before the Council**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their

midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading at Service**

### **Gospel Reading**

**John 10: verses 11 to 18**

#### **Jesus the Good Shepherd**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# Notices

**Refreshments** – join us for a cuppa, biscuit, and chat after the service at the back of church. If you would like to help serving drinks, a new rota until the end of May is on the noticeboard, please sign your name down. You only need to bring milk and biscuits!

**All Saints' Church Mackworth - Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** - All Saints' APCM is being held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in St Michael's Church, Church Lane, Kirk Langley. We currently have vacancies for 2 church wardens, if this is a position that would be of interest to you, please contact Sue Silcock (PCC Secretary) at [susan\\_silcock@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_silcock@hotmail.com).

**Beautiful Chancel Corbels** - being carved for All Saints' Church, Mackworth.



**Prayer and discussion group** - Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm - 9pm, and weekly thereafter at Coachman's Cottage, Meynell Langley. Exploring scripture and praying together about our mission. All are welcome.

**22 Questions** The next open discussion group (at 22 Phildock Wood Road DE22 4PH) will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 7.30-9pm. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits! If you haven't joined us before, please contact Chris for directions on 07502291577.



## Next week

28th April – 930am – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion

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please contact Emma Jones.*

WELCOME TO  
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 21st April 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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.