

Bible Reading from the Old Testament

2 Samuel 7: verses 1 to 11 and 16

God's Covenant with David

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that

the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading from the New Testament

Romans 16: verses 25 to end

Final Doxology

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1: verses 26 to 38

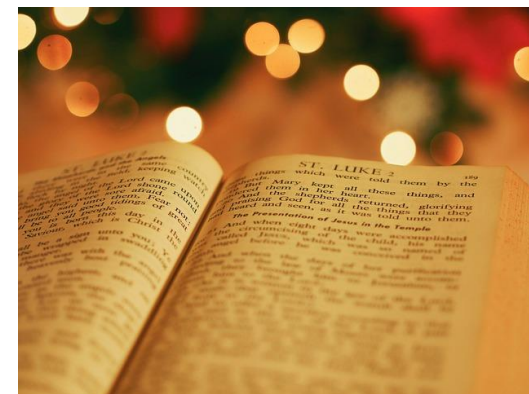
The Birth of Jesus Foretold

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his

words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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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. 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 16th January from 7.30-9pm. If you haven't joined us before, please contact Chris for directions on 07502291577.



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If you would like to include a notice in the pew sheet, please contact Emma Jones.

Dates for the Diary



25th December – 9.30am - Morning Prayer.

31st December – 10.30am – Joint Benefice Service of Holy Communion at All Saints' Mugginton led by Rev Jane Legh

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WELCOME TO
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KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 24th December 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve



Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.