

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

**Genesis 17: verses 1 to 7 and 15 to 16**

### The Sign of the Covenant

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## First Reading at Service

### Bible Reading from the New Testament

**Romans 4: verses 13 to end**

### God's Promise Realized through Faith

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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## Second Reading at Service

### Gospel Reading

**Mark 8: verses 31 to end**

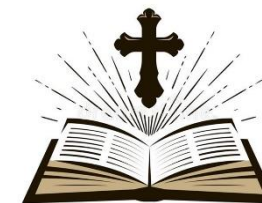
### Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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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.

**Celebrate!** Bring your family to our 'Celebrate Easter' event at 10.30am on Easter Saturday, 30th March, in the Folly at the Farmhouse at Mackworth. There will be activities, a video of the Easter story and songs for children and adults.

**22 Questions** The next informal discussion group will meet at 7.30-9pm on Tuesday 27th February. Everyone is welcome to come! It will be held at 22 Phildock Wood Road DE22 4PH. Chris & David.

**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.

### **TODAY 12pm. FOR MACKWORTH REBUILD-**

St. Helens Etwall have invited us to come along and see their digital organ. Their organist has offered us a 'tour' after their morning service. This could help us decide whether we need a pipe organ in the All Saints Mackworth rebuild or whether a digital organ would suit better.

## Dates for the Diary

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

17<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30am – Holy Communion – Fifth  
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 25th February 2024  
The Second Sunday of Lent**



**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.***