

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 52: verses 7 to 10

Let Zion Rejoice

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces  
peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## Bible Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 1: verses 1 to 4

God Has Spoken by His Son

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Reading

John 1: verses 1 to 14

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



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



### **Don't forget your Christmas stamps!**

Be a stamp champ and please continue to save your used stamps and help us find a cure for cancer. There is a box for them at the back of the church. Thank you!



## Dates for the Diary



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

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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

Monday 25th December 2023

Christmas Day



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.