

First Reading at Service
Reading from the New Testament
Philippians 3: verses 4b to 14
Breaking with the Past

(E)ven though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service
Gospel Reading
John 12: verses 1 to 8
Mary Anoints Jesus

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but

because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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Reading from the Old Testament
Isaiah 43: verses 16 to 21
Restoration and Protection Promised

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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Notices

Refreshments – after the service everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and biscuit at the back of church. The rota to help in April and May is now up on the board, please do sign up.



Thank you – to everyone who made such lovely flower posies for Mothering Sunday!

Lent Course - Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Meynell Chapel in Church. It will be led by Bryan Jones and Session 5 is entitled 'In Heaven.' Please join us and let Bryan or Michael know.

Friendly Reminder - The last date for returning the completed Electoral Roll forms for All Saints Mackworth is Sunday 13th April.



Maundy Thursday Service - is at 7.30pm on 17th April. Chris would love some help with people reading small sections of the service. Please let her know if you could help.

Good Friday Friday 18th April there is a Celebrate Easter for families at the Farmhouse at Mackworth at 10.30 am. Bryan Chris and Lee would appreciate assistance helping visitors feel welcome (handing out paper, talking to people etc.)

Next Week

13th April – Palm Sunday
Morning Prayer - 9.30am

Here is this week's **GREEN TIP**



COLLECT RAINWATER



With Spring here many of us will be venturing into our gardens to plant and sow and watering will soon be required. Collecting rainwater not only saves precious drinking water, it's also better for your plants. Collect water off your roof, greenhouse. Think about having a water butt, or even a bucket will help.

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

**Sunday 6th April 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passiontide Begins**



Today's service is Holy Communion

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.