

First Reading at Service
Reading from the Old Testament
Isaiah 35: verses 1 to 10
The Return of the Redeemed to Zion

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with

singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading at Service
Gospel Reading
Matthew 11: verses 2 to 11
Messengers from John the Baptist

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading from the New Testament
James 5: verses 7 to 10
Patience in Suffering

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Notices

Refreshments – a **big** thank you to everyone who has helped with refreshments in 2025. A new rota for the start of 2026 is now on the noticeboard and help is welcome. Everyone is welcome to join us after the service for a cuppa and chat to fellow parishioners.

Family Carols & Nativity Service – at 3pm today! Please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to join us. Children are invited to dress as characters (or animals) from the Nativity. Come along, sing along or just sit and enjoy! If anyone is able to help with this service please let Chris know.



Volunteers Needed - for a 'scratch choir' to lead the singing on 21st December at our Service of 9 Lessons & Carols. Rehearsals will be at 6.30pm on 17th December. Please contact Michael.

NO SERVICE ON 28TH DECEMBER – It is with regret that we are not holding a service on Sunday 28th of December, however a pew sheet with the readings will be circulated as usual.

Next Sunday

21st December – Carol Service - 6pm
(Light refreshments afterwards).



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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

WELCOME TO
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 14th December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent



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.