First Reading at Service Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 11: 29 – 12.2 Faith in Action

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, guenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you O Lord

Luke 12: verses 49 to 56 Not Peace but Division

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against

daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Interpreting the Times

He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 80, 9-end

You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes? Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it. Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine, the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself. Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish. Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself. Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name. Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Notices

Refreshments —do join us after the service at the back of church for a drink and biscuit and chat to fellow parishioners. Thank you to those who have signed up to help in August.



Here is this week's GREEN TIP! HOW BIG IS YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?! If you're viewing this online click on the link below (it is free) to calculate your personal environmental footprint and learn how you can reduce your environmental impact. https://footprint.wwf.org.uk Mine is 9.4 tonnes of CO2 equivalent per year... are you doing better? If you're reading this in the pew sheet, then remember to take it home with you and follow the link on your home computer.

Food Bank Collection - Thank you for the generous gifts of food and money to buy food. Just for clarity it's going to Derby Food 4 Thought Foodbank Alliance that helps supply 17 Derby foodbanks as well as giving food parcels to individuals and families. derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk

This Afternoon

Open Garden — Lady Scarsdale is opening her garden this afternoon from 2pm when refreshments will be served. This is open to members of Kirk Langley & Mackworth congregation plus members of the churches in our Benefice but not the general public. Free entry with money raised from refreshments going to St Michael's. Join us at Rectory House, Kedleston, Quarndon, Derby DE22 5JJ.

Next Week

24th August – 10th After Trinity Service of the Word with Baptism - 9.30am

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WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 17th August 2025 Ninth Sunday After Trinity



The service today is Holy Communion

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.