

First Reading at Service

Reading from the New Testament

Colossians 1: verses 15 to 28

The Supremacy of the Son of God

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Paul's Labor for the Church

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his

body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 10: verses 38 to 42

At the Home of Martha and Mary

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer

ALL: Lord God, we pledge ourselves to your service in caring for your creation, that your kingdom may grow from the seed of hope into a tree of righteousness and justice for the world, and the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalms 52

Why do you boast of evil, you mighty hero? Why do you boast all day long, you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God? You who practice deceit, your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor. You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth. You love every harmful word, you deceitful tongue! Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin: He will snatch you up and pluck you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. The righteous will see and fear; they will laugh at you, saying, "Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold but trusted in his great wealth and grew strong by destroying others!" But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever. For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.

Notices

Refreshments – join us after the service at the back of church for a drink and biscuit. A new rota for August and September is on the noticeboard. Please sign up and help.

200 Club, St Michael's Church, Kirk Langley - Members' subscriptions are now due for 2025/26 and renewal letters will soon be distributed to existing members. The cost of membership is £20 per ticket and there are three prize draws each year – Harvest, Christmas and Easter - with prize money of £40, 1st place and £20, 2nd place. If you are not already a member and would like to join, please contact Ken Davies or Margaret Matthews for further information. Funds from the 200 Club help with the daily running costs of St Michael's Church.

Next Week

27th July – 6th After Trinity
Morning Prayer & Baptism - 9.30am

Food bank reminder –

please remember to bring any donations for our food banks in to church as supplies get lower during the summer months. Your donations are very much appreciated.



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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

WELCOME TO
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 20th July 2025
Fifth 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.