First Reading at Service Reading from the New Testament Acts 5: verses 27 to 32 The Apostles Persecuted

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service Gospel Reading John 20: verses 19 to 31 Jesus Appears to His Disciples

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Old Testament Psalm 150

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Notices

Refreshments – everyone is welcome to join us after the service for a cuppa and biscuit at the back of church and chat with fellow worshippers.



St Michael's, Kirk Langley APCM - will take place after the service today at approximately 11am. All are very welcome to stay.

Favourite Hymns & Worship Songs - Thank you to those who have handed me their favourite hymns and worship songs. I currently have over 120 different songs on the list, but if you would still like me to add your favourites, then either leave your choices in the folder at the back of church or hand them directly to me over the next few weeks. Many thanks, Andrew Everett.

All Saints' Church Mackworth - Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - is on Tuesday 6th May at 7.00pm in St Michael's Church, Kirk Langley. We currently have vacancies for PCC members and 2 church wardens, if you are interested in joining our PCC or becoming a church warden, please contact Sue Silcock (PCC Secretary) at <u>susan silcock@hotmail.com</u>.

Next Week

4th May – 3rd of Easter – Holy Communion – 9.30am

Here is this week's GREEN TIP

UNPLUG DEVICES!

How many devices do you have on standby? Even if electronic devices are shut off or in sleep mode, they still use energy. So, before going on holiday, (or every night if you can!) unplug your devices from the wall sockets to save electricity. Each UK household spends around £50 – £86 a year to power appliances left in standby mode or unused.

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WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 27th April 2025 Second Sunday of Easter



Today's service is Morning Prayer

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference.