First Reading at Service Reading from the New Testament

1 Timothy 6: verses 6 to 19 False Teaching and True Riches

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

The Good Fight of Faith

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service Gospel Reading

Luke 16: verses 19 to 31 The Rich Man and Lazarus

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like

manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

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Reading from the Old Testament Psalm 91

Verses 11 to end

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Notices

Refreshments - join us after the service at the back of church for a drink and biscuit and chat to fellow parishioners. Please sign up to help in October/ November. Just bring biscuits & milk.

Through the Seasons - We are looking for volunteers to be in church on our 4 pen afternoons (Oct 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th from 2-4pm) to meet visitors and help with refreshments. If you can do one session that would be great - please sign up at the back of church. If you cannot make it to church, please contact Margaret and she will sign you up. Donations of cakes, scones, biscuits would also be much appreciated. Thank you.

Here is this week's GREEN TIP! DITCH BRANDED MULTI-SURFACE CLEANERS

Using vinegar to clean surfaces is a greener alternative to branded cleaners and will save you money. Make up a spray bottle of half white vinegar and half water, and use it as regularly as you would a general bathroom cleaning spray on tiles, basins, baths, showers and taps to keep limescale at bay (never use vinegar on gold-plated taps).

Always rinse thoroughly with water afterwards!

Next Sunday

5th October – Harvest Service of Holy Communion – 9.30am

Fundraising for All Saints' (Tower Fund) -We're meeting at 10.15am on Thursday 2 October at 22 Phildock Wood Road Langley Country Park, Derby DE22 4PH to see if we can start gathering ideas for fundraising. All welcome!

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WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 28th September 2025 Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity



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.