First Reading at Service Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Jeremiah 33: verses 14 to 16
The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service Gospel Reading

Luke 21: verses 25 to 36
The Coming of the Son of Man

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Exhortation to Watch

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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Reading from the New Testament

1 Thessalonians 3: verses 9 to end Timothy's Encouraging Report

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Dates for the Diary

2nd December – Social Event 7pm – Bring & share a bottle/ snacks & chat to fellow parishioners

6th December – Christingle Service – 2.30pm 8th December - Second Sunday of Advent -Morning Prayer - 9.30am.

8th December – Community Carols in The Folly 5.30pm The Farmhouse, Mackworth.



Notices

Refreshments - everyone welcome to join us for a drink, biscuit and chat after the service. Please sign up on the refreshment rota for the next two months if you can help and thanks to those who have already.

Christingle Service - The children of the Kirk Langley CofE Primary School will be helping to lead this service on 6th December at 2.30pm but all members of the Congregation are warmly invited to attend.

Kirk Langley Charity Dinner Dance - A very successful Dinner Dance was held on 23rd November at Mickleover Golf Club and was enjoyed by some members of the Congregation. The wonderful sum of £600 was raised for Rainbows Hospice - many thanks to all those who gave prizes and bought raffle tickets or who donated to the event.

Michael would like to thank
all of you for your prayers and
support since Sebastian's
diagnosis of pancreatic cancer
in July. His funeral will be
held at 1.30pm at St Michael's
on Monday December 9th,
followed by the committal at
Mackworth Crematorium at
2.30pm.

Christmas Choir - St Michael's is hoping to put together a choir just for the Carol Service on Tuesday 24th December at 6.30pm. If you are interested in joining, please have a word with Margaret Matthews. If there are sufficient numbers there may be the possibility of singing something, apart from the Congregation, as part of the service, for which there would be one choir practice with David, our organist.



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If you would like to include a notice in the pew sheet,
please contact Emma Jones.

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 1st December 2024 First Sunday of Advent



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.