

## First Reading at Service

### Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Exodus 16: verses 2 to 4 and 9 to 15

#### Bread from Heaven

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading at Service

### Gospel Reading

John 6: verses 24 to 35

#### The Bread from Heaven

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?'

Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' '

Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Bible Reading from the New Testament

Ephesians 4: verses 1 to 16

### Unity in the Body of Christ

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Notices

**Refreshments** - everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa, biscuit and chat after the service at the back of church. If you are able to help with refreshments, please do sign up on the rota on the noticeboard.

**Field Day** - on July 6<sup>th</sup> was blessed with lovely sunshine after the initial downpour! It was an enjoyable afternoon and a busy one for St Michael's band of helpers - Paul and Anne, Michael, Bill and Elaine, Andrew and Frances and Frank and Margaret. Our sincere thanks go to them for helping on the day and to everyone who contributed items for the stalls. The financial outcome is not known yet but will be announced as soon as possible.



**Coachman's Cottage** - prayer and discussion group - will continue during July and August, you are invited to join us from 7.30pm until 9pm on a Thursday for prayer and bible based discussion.



### **Betty Bond**

The funeral of the late Betty Bond will be held at St Michael's Church, Kirk Langley on Tuesday 6th August at 10am followed by a private cremation service.

## Dates for the Diary

11<sup>th</sup> August – 11<sup>th</sup> After Trinity – Morning Prayer  
– 9.30am

18<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> After Trinity – Holy Communion – 9.30am

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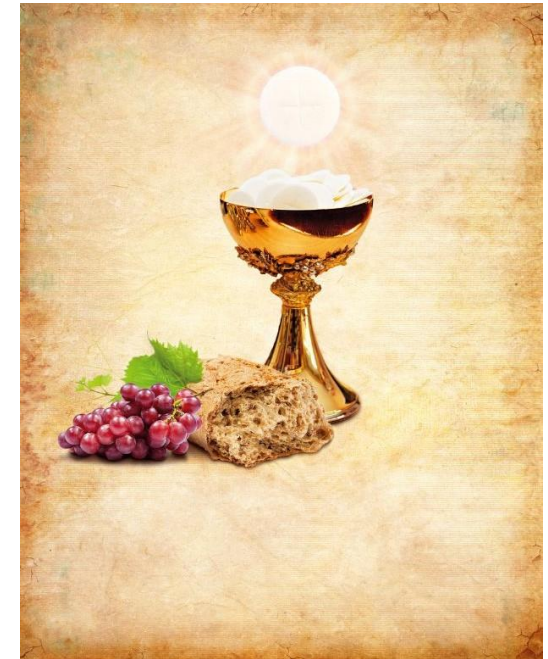
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If you would like to include a notice in the pew sheet,  
please contact Emma Jones.*

**WELCOME TO  
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
KIRK LANGLEY**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
Tenth 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.*