

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 35: verses 4 to 7a

### The Return of the Redeemed to Zion

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## First Reading at Service

Bible Reading from the New Testament

James 2: verses 1 to 10 and 14 to 17

### Warning against Partiality

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Have a seat here, please’, while to the one who is poor you say, ‘Stand there’, or, ‘Sit at my feet’, have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

### Faith without Works Is Dead

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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## Second Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

Mark 7: verses 24 to 37

### The Syrophenician Woman’s Faith

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’ Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.’ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

### Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

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## Notices

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

**Harvest Festival & Supper** - St Michael's Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 6th October at 9.30am and this will be followed by the Harvest Supper on Monday 7th October at 7pm. Tickets are £20 and are selling fast! Please contact Margaret on 01332 824872 if you are interested in attending.

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH MACKWORTH

#### Public Consultation on the Proposed Interior fit out of our Rebuilt Church

We would like you to come along to the Farmhouse Pub and Restaurant on Ashbourne Road on a 'drop in' basis, any time between 4 and 6.30 pm on Friday 20th September to see our plans for the interior fit out of our church. Our plans are to be considered by the Derby Diocese on 25 November 2024 and this is an excellent opportunity for you to come along and have your say. The interior works are likely to start in early 2027. The ongoing rebuild of our exterior walls and roof is scheduled for completion by the end of 2026.



**Food bank Update** - Thank you for supporting our food bank appeal. The latest news is that without support in the next few weeks, 13 of the 15 food banks in Derby are at risk of having their stocks completely depleted, with the remaining two likely to run out within six weeks.



## Next week....

15<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> After Trinity – Holy Communion – 9.30am

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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 8th September 2024  
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.*