

First Reading at Service
Bible Reading from the Old Testament
Malachi 3: verses 1 to 4
The Coming Messenger

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service
Gospel Reading
Luke 3: verses 1 to 6
The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

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Dates for the Diary

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

15th December – Holy Communion – 9.30am –
St Michael's, Kirk Langley

19th December – Carol & Crib Service – 2.15pm
– St Michael's, Kirk Langley

22nd December – Morning Prayer – 9.30am – St
Michael's, Kirk Langley

24th December – Service of 9 Lessons & Carols –
6.30pm – St Michael's, Kirk Langley

25th December – Holy Communion – 9.30am –
St Michael's, Kirk Langley



Reading from the New Testament
Philippians 1: verses 3 to 11
Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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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.

Huge thank you - for the food donations! Here's Marianne at the Food4Thought hub receiving our latest gifts. We'll be slowing down our giving over December when the hub gets lots of gifts and starting again when stocks dwindle. Chris & David.



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

**Sunday 8th December 2024
Second Sunday of Advent**



**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.