First Reading at Service Reading from the New Testament

Acts 8: verses 14 to 17 Philip Preaches in Samaria

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading at Service Gospel Reading

Luke 3: verses 15 to 17 and 21 to 22 The Proclamation of John the Baptist

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Baptism of Jesus

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 43: verses 1 to 7 Restoration and Protection Promised

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

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Notices

Refreshments - everyone welcome to join us for a drink, biscuit and chat after the service.





Taize Worship - There will be a time of meditative worship including songs, readings, and prayers with a period of quietness at 7.30pm on Thursday, 16th January at 15 Quarndon View, Allestree, DE22 2XJ. It will be followed by coffee and chocolate biscuits. Everybody welcome.



Church Cleaning - Thank you to our small devoted team of wonderful volunteers who keep our church 'spick and span'! We are seeking volunteers who can spend an hour cleaning our church or brasses on a rota basis. At present each team will

cover 2 months in a year. If you are able to help or know of someone who would be able to help, please contact Mary.



Dates for the Diary

19th January – 2nd of Epiphany Holy Communion – 9.30am

26th January – 3rd of Epiphany Morning Prayer – 9.30am

2nd February – Presesntation of Christ Holy Communion – 9.30am

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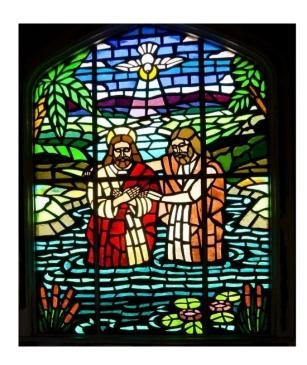
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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 12th January 2025 First Sunday of Epiphany Baptism of Christ



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.