

## Bible Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 50: verses 4 to 9a

### The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;

the moth will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## First Reading at Service Bible Reading from the New Testament

James 3: verses 1 to 12

### Taming the Tongue

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading at Service Gospel Reading

Mark 8: verses 27 to 38

### Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

### Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Notices

**Refreshments** - help needed with teas and coffees after the service. Please sign up on the rota at back of church – just need to bring milk and biscuits. Everyone welcome to join us.

**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....

22nd September – 17<sup>th</sup> After Trinity – Morning Prayer – 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 15th September 2024  
Sixteenth 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.*