

First Reading at Service

Psalm 146. 4 to end

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;
Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.
The Lord looses those that are bound;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous;
The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Alleluia.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



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Gospel Reading

Luke 3: verses 7 to 18

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' 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.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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Reading from the New Testament

Philippians 4: verses 4 to 7

Exhortations

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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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.

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.



Dates for the Diary

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



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

**Sunday 15th December 2024
Third Sunday of Advent**



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.