

## First Reading at Service

### Reading from the New Testament

#### Romans 5: verses 1 to 11

#### Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading at Service

### Gospel Reading

#### John 4: verses 5 to 42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son

Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Notices

**Refreshments** – do join us for a cuppa, biscuit and chat after the service at the back of church. The rota for March and April is on the notice board at the back of church, please sign up and help!

**In Aid of All Saints Mackworth Tower Appeal** – ‘Popular Songs Across the Decades’ - enjoy the music or sing along! Well-known songs from the 1950s - present day Friday 27th March 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Kirk Langley with wonderful local singer Marie. Tickets on the Door (cash or card) £7.50 including tea & coffee, or bring your own bottle & glasses. Raffle. Email Chris Dyer at [dyerhalfpenny@icloud.com](mailto:dyerhalfpenny@icloud.com) for tickets.

### GREEN UPDATE! BRONZE ECO AWARD WINNERS!

We are delighted to announce that St Michael's has been awarded the Bronze Eco Church Award by the Christian environmental charity, A Rocha. The Eco Church programme helps equip churches care for creation, providing a framework of practical action on caring for God's earth through the Eco Church survey.

Well done everyone.



# BRAVO!



## Next Week

15<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday  
9.30am – All Age Holy Communion

### FUNERAL FOR THE LATE JACK HENDERSON



THURSDAY, 19TH MARCH  
MARKEATON CREMATORIUM  
1.30 P.M.  
AFTERWARDS AT BRAILSFORD  
GOLF CLUB.

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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

WELCOME TO  
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 8th March 2026  
The Third Sunday of Lent



Today's Service is Morning Prayer

*If you have a prayer request, please pass to  
the Church Warden*

*Please take this leaflet home with you for reference*