

First Reading at Service

Acts 2: verses 42 to 47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading at Service

1 Peter 2: verses 19 to 25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Third Reading at Service

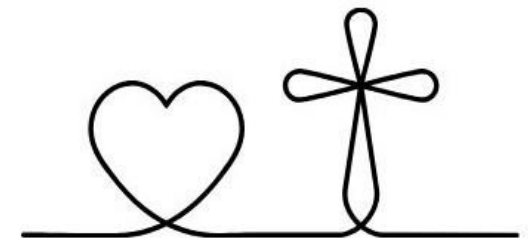
John 10: verses 1 to 10

Jesus the Good Shepherd

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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Notices

Refreshments – everyone is welcome to join us after the service for a chat and have a cuppa and biscuit served at the back of church. Please sign up for May and June if you are able to help with serving drinks.

Governor Required - Margaret's term as the Ex-Officio Governor at Kirk Langley Primary School finishes at the end of next term and she doesn't wish to stand again. If anyone, from the Congregation, would be interested in taking up this voluntary role from September please ask Margaret or Michael for further details.

Surplus furniture – We are looking for small comfortable chairs, small bookcases or side tables to help furnish the creation chapel. If you have anything suitable you would like to donate, please send a photo via email to Michael Heap at this address: - redbrickinteractive117@gmail.com

THIS WEEK'S GREEN TIP

BUY A REUSEABLE WATER BOTTLE

You might be surprised – and perhaps horrified – to learn that only about a tenth of the single-use plastic we use in the UK is actually recycled. Say 'no' to one type of single-use packaging by investing in a refillable water bottle



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TO REUSE**



Dates for the Diary

3rd May – 5th Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion with Baptism – 9.30am
5th May – All Saints', Mackworth APCM will be in St Michael's Church at 7pm.



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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

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

**Sunday 26th April 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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