

First Reading at Service

Reading from the New Testament

Romans 8: verses 12 to 25

Life in the Spirit

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Future Glory

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labour, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already

sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13: verses 24 to 30 & 36 to 43

Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the

world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalms 139: verses 1 to 11

The Inescapable God

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me.”

Notices

Refreshments – do join us for a cuppa, biscuit and chat after the service at the back of church. Thanks to everyone helping in July but help needed in August.

CANCELLED COFFEE MORNING – Please note the coffee morning on 21st July 10.00-12.30am at Sandra Woodisse's house has been cancelled.

22 Questions - The next discussion evening will be at 22 Phildock Wood Road, Derby DE22 4PH at 7.30 - 9pm on Tuesday 21st July. Join Us!

200 Club, St Michael's Church, Kirk Langley - Members' subscriptions are now due for 2026/27, and renewal letters will soon be distributed to existing members. The cost of membership is £20 per ticket and there are three prize draws each year – Harvest, Christmas and Easter - with prize money of £40, 1st place and £20, 2nd place. If you are not already a member and would like to join, please contact Michael Heap or Margaret Matthews for further information. Funds from the 200 Club help with the daily running costs of St Michael's Church.

Intercessor training – A training session has been organised for Monday 27th July at 7pm for an hour at St Michael's. Chris will lead it. It is for those who already lead intercessions as a refresher and anyone who wishes to become an Intercessor.

Next Week

26th July – Eighth Sunday After Trinity
Morning Prayer – 9.30am



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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

WELCOME TO
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 19th July 2026
Seventh Sunday After Trinity



Today's Service is Holy Communion

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference