

First Reading at Service

Reading from the New Testament

Romans 12: verses 1 to 8

The New Life in Christ

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. (**Rom 12. 1-8 NRSVUE**).

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All: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16: verses 13 to 20

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. (**Matt 16. 13-20 NRSVUE**)

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Psalm 124

Thanksgiving for Israel's Deliverance

A Song of Ascents.

Of David.

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging water.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (**Ps. 124 NRSVUE**).



Notices

Refreshments – everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and biscuit after the service at the back of church. A new rota for September is on the board, please do sign up!

Swift Sheets - As All Saints' Mackworth is being rebuilt, we intend to install 'new homes for SWIFTS' on our refurbished Tower. As part of Community Engagement, we have produced outlines of SWIFTS for people to colour in. Young children, old(er) people, grab a 'SWIFT SHEET' from the back of Church and let your imagination go wild! Colour them in, draw a pattern on them or paint them. From rudimentary 'mark making' to contemporary designs or water colours; If you can imagine it – create it! You may like to dedicate your SWIFT to a loved one, or write on the back a message of inspiration, rebirth, or thanks for the natural world. When you have finished your swift, cut them out and post them in the SWIFT BOX at the back of Church. They will then be laminated and strung along the Heras fencing around All Saints' Church to inform the public of what we are doing to support nesting and help encourage these declining inhabitants to live in our neighbourhood. Take sheets for your grandchildren, neighbours and friends. Let's see how many SWIFTS we can attract back - both paper versions and the feathered variety!



Next Week

JOINT BENEFICE SERVICE

On Sunday August 30th there will be a Holy Communion service in All Saints' Churchyard at 10.30am rain or shine! Bring a chair if you have one. Toilets will be available (accessed by a couple of steps) and there will be refreshments after the service which will be shorter than in church. Don will give a brief update on the rebuild after the service.

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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 23rd August 2026
Twelfth Sunday After Trinity



Today's Service is Morning Prayer

We welcome Andrew Walley, a Reader from St. Helen's, Etwall as our preacher this morning.

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference