

First Reading at Service

Reading from the New Testament

Philippians 2: verses 1 to 13

Imitating Christ's Humility

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God

who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.
(Phil 2. 1-13 NRSVUE)

This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21: verses 23 to 32

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. The

father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.
(Matt 21. 23-32 NRSVUE).

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Reading from the Old Testament

Psalms 78: verses 1 to 7

God's Goodness and Israel's Ingratitude

A Maskil of Asaph.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might and the wonders that he has done. He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.
(Ps 78. 1-7 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 October is on the board, please do sign up!

Warm Congratulations! Michael Heap and Frank Matthews were presented with their Bishop's Badge by Rt Revd Jackie Searle (Acting Bishop) at a special service at Derby Cathedral last Sunday. The awards are in recognition and celebration of their distinguished service to St Michael's Church and the community.

Harvest Festival – Our Harvest Service will be on Sunday 11th October at 9.30am. We will be collecting the usual tinned and packet food for the food bank (now Derby City Mission). Chris would like two or three people to help with the prayers - please talk to her. She'd also be delighted if a few folk could bring an example of something (plant, fruit, vegetable) they'd grown or had been grown by someone else which they really enjoyed e.g. damson, pineapple, begonia, tomato, rosemary plant, or rose. Feel free to take it home at the end of the service!



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Next Week

4th October – 18th Sunday After Trinity
Holy Communion – 9.30am



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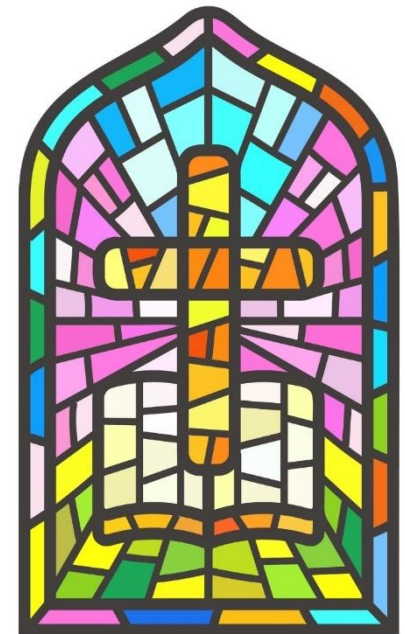
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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.

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

**Sunday 27th September 2026
Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity**



Today's Service is Morning Prayer

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference