

First Reading at Service

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 103: verses 8 to 13

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far, he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. **(Ps 103.8-13 NRSVUE).**

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18: verses 21 to 35

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’ **(Matt 18. 21-35 NRSVUE)**

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Reading from the New Testament

Romans 14: verses 1 to 12

Do Not Judge Another

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then, each one of us will be held accountable. **(Rom 14.1-12 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!

22 Questions - The next discussion evening will be at 22 Phildock Wood Road, Derby DE22 4PH at 7.30 - 9pm on Tuesday 15th September. We don't promise answers, but we promise a safe place to talk, a drink and a good biscuit!

'A Celebration in Music' Join us for a concert at 7pm on 18th September to mark 50 years that David Radford has been playing the organ at St Michael's. The programme will include a mixture of secular and religious music. The event is free to attend and will be followed by refreshments. The secular music will include a violinist, organist & folk duo. The Pentagon Choir will be singing the religious music.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Brailsford & Ednaston CC & Kirk Langley WI invite you to their Macmillan Coffee Morning at Brailsford & Ednaston Cricket Club, Hall Lane, Brailsford DE6 3BT from 10am - 12.30pm on 24th September.

Harvest Supper - Monday 12th October at 7.00pm in Church. The supper will be 2 courses – meat pie followed by trifle/fruit salad. Please contact Gill Powell (PCC secretary) email kirklangleypcc@gmail.com. for tickets which cost £20. Please notify us of any dietary requirements.

Next Week

20th September – 16th Sunday After Trinity
Holy Communion with Baptism – 9.30am



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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

WELCOME TO
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
KIRK LANGLEY

Sunday 13th September 2026
Fifteenth 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