

Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20: verses 1 to 16

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

"God's kingdom is like an estate manager who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. They agreed on a wage of a pound a day and went to work. "Later, about nine o'clock, the manager saw some other men hanging around the town square unemployed. He told them to go to work in his vineyard and he would pay them a fair wage. They went. At five o'clock he went back and found still others standing around. He said, 'Why are you standing around all day doing nothing?' "They said, 'Because no one hired us.' "He told them to go to work in his vineyard. "When the day's work was over, the owner of the vineyard instructed his foreman, 'Call the workers in and pay them their wages. Start with the last hired and go on to the first.' "Those hired at five o'clock came up and were each given a pound. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the same, each of them one pound. Taking the pound, they groused angrily to the manager, 'These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us, who slaved all day under a scorching sun.' "He replied to the one speaking for the rest, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a pound, didn't we? So take it and

go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you.

Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?' "Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first." **(Matt 20. 1-16 MSG)**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ



Reading from the Old Testament

Psalms 105: verses 37 to end

Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled. Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it. He spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light by night. They asked, and he brought quails and gave them food from heaven in abundance. He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. For he

remembered his holy promise and Abraham, his servant. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD! **(Ps 105. 37-end NRSVUE)**

Reading from the New Testament

Philippians 1: verses 21 to end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. **(Phil 1. 21-end 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!



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.

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.

Next Week

27th September – 17th Sunday After Trinity
St Michael's Day Morning Prayer – 9.30am



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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.*

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

**Sunday 20th September 2026
Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity**



**Today's Service is Holy Communion
with Baptism**

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference