

First Reading at Service

Reading from the New Testament

Philippians 3: verses 4b to 14

Breaking with the Past

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing toward the Goal

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on

toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

(Phil 3. 4b-14 NRSVUE)

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading at Service

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21: verses 33 to end

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. **(Matt 21. 33-end NRSVUE).**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalms 19: verses 7 to end

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect one’s own errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. **(Ps 19. 7- 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!

All Age Service - Volunteers please to help develop this service both as musicians and/or those happy to lead congregational singing. Please contact Michael, Fay or Andrew

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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 be take it home at the end of the service!



Next Week

11th October – 19th Sunday After Trinity
Harvest Holy Communion Service – 9.30am



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sheet, please contact Emma Jones.

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

**Sunday 4th October 2026
Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity**



Today's Service is Holy Communion

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

Please take this leaflet home with you for reference