



Welcome to St. Michael and All Angels, Amersham on the Hill.

Please take this sheet home with you for future reference.

14 January, 2018

Epiphany 2

8.00am. - Said Eucharist with Healing: Laying on of Hands and Anointing
10.00am. – 2gether

You can follow the service in the booklet given to you as you came in. This week's readings are printed out below. Please use the time before the service to be quiet and to prepare for worship.

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

1 Samuel 3.1–10, and 11–20

8.00am. only

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

John 1.43-end

8.00am. & 10.00am.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Peace

Shalom, shalom may peace be with you. Shalom, shalom.
In all that you do may peace be with you. Shalom, shalom.

Music during Communion: *Colours of Day*

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services this week

THE LADY CHAPEL is available for prayer and meditation from 9.30am. Monday-Saturday.

TUESDAY-SATURDAY 9.00am. MORNING PRAYER from 'Celebrating Common Prayer' - Lady Chapel –

A gentle 20 minute service of prayer, psalms and readings. All welcome at any time. There is a simplified service booklet available in the Lady Chapel, which can be used by anyone, should no priest be present.

TUESDAY 10.30am. SAID EUCHARIST

NEXT SUNDAY 8.00am. SAID EUCHARIST.

10.30am. COTHA Joint Service at St. John's Methodist Church. (NO 10.00am. Service at St. Michael's)

Readings for next Sunday—Genesis 14.17-20; Psalm 128; John 2.1-11

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

JACQUELINE MARKHAM

We give thanks for the life of Jacqueline Markham. Her requiem mass will take place at St. Michael's on Friday, 26 January at 11.30am. followed by a private cremation at the Chilterns Crematorium.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL –Today, Sunday, 14 January– after the 10.00am. service

Orders for items should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office to ensure availability on the stall.

NOT-ONE-FOR-LUNCH - Lady Chapel –Monday, 15 January - 12.45pm. for 1.00pm.

For those who live alone and eat alone, run by the Pastoral Care Team - an opportunity to meet old and new friends in a very informal atmosphere. If you would like to come, but have difficulty with transport, please call Alison Woodnutt on 721420.

WHEELER COFFEE –St Michael's – Tuesday, 16 January - 10.00am. – midday

Hot drinks and/or squash with biscuits, with an opportunity for a chat.

MESSY CHURCH—St Michael's - Saturday, 20 January - 11.30am. – 1.00pm.

Family Fun Saturday! Crafts. Song and Dance. Lunch for everyone. You choose what you want to do. This month's theme is *The Widow's Offering*. No need to book in advance. Just come along. No charge.

QUIET MORNING – St. Michael's - Wheeler Room – Thursday, 25 January – 10.00am. – 12.15pm.

A time of reflection and silence, a space to relax gently with God. Any queries to Joy Tobler Tel. 818172.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 07 February - 3.00pm. 3.30pm. & 4.15pm.

Sessions last 30 minutes. Please arrive before the start of your preferred time. Appointments are not necessary. If you would like to come but need transport, please call Joy Johns on 729061.

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB- Wheeler Room- February (date tbc) - 2.00pm. – 4.00pm.

The Page Turner - Tells the story of a 10 year old butcher's daughter, who is a gifted pianist. Whilst sitting the entrance exam to the conservatoire, she is distracted by the chairperson and fails. 10 years later, she becomes the chairperson's page turner and seeks her revenge. Stars Deborah Françoise. (subtitled)
Running Time – 114 mins.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO OBERGAMMERGAU - June 2020

Amersham Deanery is organising a 7 night pilgrimage to Bavaria that will be centred around the Passion Play, but will also include other sites of both Christian importance and general interest. Further information can be found on the leaflets on the letters table, or at

<http://www.amershamdeanery.org.uk/oberammergau.html> Anyone interested is asked to let the Church Office know as soon as possible so numbers can be passed on to the Deanery Lay Chair before the end of January.

CHRISTMAS MATERIAL ON THE WEBSITE

If you were unable to get to St. Michael's to see the Christmas Tree Festival, or if you would like to have another look, photographs of all the decorated trees can be found at

http://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/photos/gallery.php?gallery_id=7&pg=1

The sermons given by The Revd. Debbie and The Revd. Peter Binns over the Christmas period can likewise be accessed online. You can listen or download them at <http://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/media/>

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

Jenny Baker writes:- 'Once again our family is collecting used Christmas and other greeting cards in aid of the historic Anglican Church of St Thomas Becket, Hamburg. The scheme raises over €7000 p.a. for the Church. Its British co-ordinator, Judith Holst is enormously grateful for the annual consignment of used cards from our congregation at St. Michael and All Angels, Amersham. As usual there will be collecting boxes under the letters table where you can leave your cards. We are asked to exclude any cards with glitter, as this causes problems for the volunteer team when cutting and glueing to create the new cards'.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED WITH DELIVERY OF FOOD BANK DONATIONS

A volunteer, (or more than one) is sought to assist with the delivery of donations left at the church to the Food Bank in Chesham. The role is currently undertaken by Andy and Kiki Connor but they need cover for when they are away. To find out more about what is involved, please contact Andy or Kiki. Tel: 723561; e-mail kiki@akipl.com

PRAYER CHAIN AND PRAYER WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

A number of people pray at home for St. Michael's and for specific needs or thanksgivings that people may have. If you would like to be part of this network or have a prayer request, please contact Joy Tobler on 818172. If anyone would like prayer with laying on of hands, either for themselves or for someone else, this ministry is available after church services. Please ask a member of the healing team, whose names are on the 'Healing Board', or any of the clergy.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 16 January - Midday to 2pm.

Lunch Café with coffee, speciality teas and snack lunches, daily newspapers. The church is open for quiet reflection and offers a varied programme of music, worship, meditation and speakers between 1.10pm. and 1.30pm. We are open for anyone who wants a bit of an oasis during the week at lunch time every Tuesday.

This week: Introducing the work of the Bible Society

SAMARA'S AID APPEAL COLLECTION - St Andrew's Church, Chorleywood – Sunday, 21 January – Wednesday, 24 January

The charity provides medical and humanitarian aid for displaced people and refugees in Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon & the Middle East. Donations are requested of clean clothing in VERY GOOD condition (or new) for men, women, boys, girls, babies; bedding, blankets, duvets, (clean, no stains); zimmer frames, wheel chairs, crutches; nappies, sanitary towels etc; baby boxes, dignity bags, smiley bags for children. For further information please contact Jo Harrington on 763471, or visit the web site samarasaidappeal.org.uk

AMERSHAM FESTIVAL OF MUSIC – Amersham Free Church- Saturday, 27 January – 7.30pm.

Soloists from the Royal Academy of Music with the South Bucks Choral Society will be presenting an evening of operatic scenes, arias and choruses. Tickets (including interval refreshments – prosecco and other Italian delicacies) cost £25, and are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/amershamfestivalofmusic> or Steve Wilcock, Tel: 722122

DEMENTIA UK ADMIRAL NURSES CLINIC – Fitzwilliams Centre, Beaconsfield Old Town – Thursday 15 February

30 minute help and advice sessions for main family carers of anyone suffering from demetia. There will also be a talk by one of the nurses at 12.45pm. For further information, go to <https://www.dementiauk.org/get-support/admiral-nursing>. To book at appointment, call 07541 225318. This is a pilot scheme to assess local needs, so anyone affected by dementia is urged to get in touch.