



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

Please take this sheet home with you for future reference.

16 September, 2018

Trinity 16

8.00am. Said Eucharist with Healing. Laying on of Hands and Anointing

10.00am. Sung Eucharist. Guest Speaker. Jake Leyland from Médecins Sans Frontières

We invite you to stay for tea, coffee or juice, served in the area to the left of the altar after the 10.00am. service. 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.

Introit (sung by the choir) *Lord, make me know your ways.*

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 50.4–9a

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116.vv.1-8 **Response: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living, the land of the living.**

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

Response

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Response

The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.

Response

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Response

James 3.1–12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a

world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Mark 8.27–

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Peace

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord. Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord. Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends. Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Music during Communion (sung by the choir) Farrant: *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake*

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Services this week

THE CHURCH AND LADY CHAPEL are usually available for prayer and meditation from 10.00am.

MONDAY & TUESDAY 9.00am. MORNING PRAYER from 'Celebrating Common Prayer' - Lady Chapel

A gentle 20 minute service of prayer, psalms and readings. All welcome. 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

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Readings for next Sunday: Wisdom of Solomon 1.16-2.1 & 12-22; Psalm 54; James 3.13-4.3;7-8a; Mark 9.30-37

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

WHEELER COFFEE –St Michael's – Tuesday, 18 September - 10.00am. – midday

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

NOT-ONE-FOR-LUNCH - Lady Chapel –Monday, 17 September - 12.45pm. for 1.00pm.

For those who live alone and eat alone, Not-One-For-Lunch is an opportunity to meet old and new friends in a very informal atmosphere.' Anyone on their own is welcome.

FRIDAYS CYCLE CLUB OVERNIGHT STOP – St. Michael's Hall – Friday 21/Saturday 22 September

The Fridays Cycling Club (www.fnrttc.org.uk), with which Stephen and Rachel Wilcox ride, are cycling from London to Oxford via Amersham. They will be stopping at St Michael's Hall for their half-way break, expecting to arrive around 4.00am. and staying for an hour for refreshments before riding on to Oxford for breakfast. They will be raising money to support the emergency food bags held in the church office, which are provided to homeless people who are unable to access food banks.

The Club is looking for help in two ways:

1. one or two additional people on the night who can help us set up the hall, serve drinks, refill water bottles and clear up afterwards, ready for Saturday morning bookings.
2. people to bake and donate traybakes and other cakes - flapjacks, fruit cake and bread pudding all provide good sustenance on a long bike ride!

If you can help with either, please get in touch with Rachel Wilcox at church, on 07743 165841 or at rachel.and.stephen.wilcox@gmail.com

"POP IN AND PAINT" - St Michael's – Friday, 21 September – 10.30am. – 12.15pm. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Join Jenny Thompson and Liz Grammenos from Simpatico. No experience needed - only enthusiasm and interest. All materials supplied, but you are welcome to bring your own paints. If you prefer just to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too! Further information from Judy Redpath on 725271.

RIP GERWYN JONES (husband of Valerie Jones)

Peter will be conducting the funeral at Chiltern Crematorium on Tuesday, 25 September at 2.45pm.

RIP DIANA DRYSDALE

Diana's funeral will take place at St. Michael's on Friday, 28 September at 11.00am. All are welcome at the service. Drinks and light refreshments will be served afterwards, before the family depart for a private committal at the crematorium.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL – Sunday, 30 September

We will be welcoming back The Revd. Diana Glover as our guest preacher. Following the service, Lucy (née Fisher) and Dan Ray invite all friends from St. Michael's to join them for a celebratory drink in thanks for all the good wishes and support given to them for their wedding last year. The celebrations will then move to the Hall for the formal dedication of the new Glover Room (created out of the space previously occupied by the stage in the Hall) and a shared lunch. There is now a list at the back of the church where people can indicate what they would like to bring for the lunch.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 03 October - 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.

QUIET MORNING – Thursday, 04 October - Wheeler Room – 10.00am – 12noon

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

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB- Wheeler Room- Friday, 05 October- 2.00pm. – 4.00pm.

Hidden Figures - Follows the careers of three brilliant black women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind a space launch. Running time –121 mins.

All welcome. Refreshments served after the showing.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – Sunday, 14 October

This year's harvest appeal will be on behalf of Médecins Sans Frontières. Jake Leyland from the charity will be speaking about its work, today, September 16th. Donations to the charity can be made via envelopes, which will be available from today.

TRAIIDCRAFT STALL –Sunday, 14 October, after the 10.00am. service

Orders for items should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office, to ensure availability on the monthly stall. Alternatively, please look at the catalogue on the stall and make your request for the following month.

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

Family Fun Saturday! Crafts. Song and Dance. Lunch for everyone. You choose what you want to do. No need to book in advance. Just come along. No charge.

Glass jars with lids are needed for some of the activities in the autumn programme. If you have any to spare, please leave them in the box under the letters table.

SUNG EUCHARIST WITH HEALING. LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING – Sunday, 21 October – 10.00am.

THE REVD. DEBBIE'S SABBATICAL

The Revd. Debbie is currently on the three month sabbatical leave allocated to all Church of England stipendiary clergy. During this time she will not be undertaking any duties in relation to St. Michael's. Any concerns/questions, which would normally have been raised with the Vicar, should be addressed to the churchwardens.

PLANNED GIVING

The PCC has signed up to Parish Giving, a new administrative scheme for donations. Members of the congregation should receive a letter shortly, giving more information about this. The PCC would encourage everyone to read this carefully. We are very grateful for all the support that you give us, without which St Michael's could not do the valuable work it does in the community: thank you, as ever, for all this. If you have any questions about the scheme, please feel free to contact Rachel Wilcox, or a member of the PCC, or the organisers of the scheme, whose contact details are in the information being sent out. If you do not receive a letter, please let the Office know, and we will ensure you get the information.

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 either of the clergy.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 18 September - 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: Chess Valley U3A Singing for Pleasure**

A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON...Lectures on Contemporary Issues – Seer Green Baptist Church – Sundays, Sept 16 and 23 – 6.00pm.

Steve Gaukroger from Clarion Trust will be giving a series of talks during September, looking at contemporary issues from a Christian perspective. Hosted by The Churches in Seer Green and Jordans. Drinks and canapés served.

MACMILLAN WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN MEMORY OF BRIDGET WOODS - Puffins, 119 Woodside Road, Amersham, HP6 6AL - Friday, 28 September -10.30am. – 12 noon,

Celia Palmer warmly invites everyone to be part of this world initiative again. Come and meet old friends and make new ones as we share coffee and cake and view the Bring and Buy. Celia says 'I look forward to welcoming you'.

SAMARA'S AID AUTUMN APPEAL – St. Andrew's Church, Chorleywood - Sunday, 07 - Wednesday, 10 October

The church will be open for donations of clothing; shoes; boots; bedding (all in very good, clean condition, or new) hygiene items; wheelchairs; zimmer frames, crutches for shipment to the Middle East. Monetary donations are also very welcome for transport and medical aid. Further information can be obtained from Judith Palfreman (Tel: 763352) or Jo Harrington (Tel: 763471). If you wish to know more about the work of the charity, see <http://www.samarasaidappeal.org/new-page-1/>

BIBLE TEACHING DAY – Owen Room, Amersham Free Church - Saturday, 13 October – 10:00am. – 3.00pm.

The theme will be *1 Corinthians: Church and Culture: clash or context?* The session will be led by John Proctor, General Secretary of the United Reformed Church, who used to teach New Testament studies at Westminster College, Cambridge. Lunch will be provided, but please contact Hazel Richardson (hazelrr@hotmail.com or tel. 725360) if you plan to attend, so that the caterers know numbers for catering.