



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

Please take this sheet home with you for future reference.

23 September, 2018

Trinity 17

8.00am. Said Eucharist

10.00am. Sung Eucharist.

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

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Wisdom of Solomon 1.16 – 2.1, 12–22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.' Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 54

Response: I will praise your name, for it is gracious.

Save me, O God, by your name and vindicate me by your power.

Heed my prayer, O God; give heed to the words of my mouth.

Response

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless seek after my life; they have not set God before them.

Response

Behold, God is my helper; it the Lord who upholds my life.

May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; destroy them in your faithfulness.

Response

An offering of a free heart will I give you and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.

For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

Response.

James 3.13 – 4.3, 7–8a4

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly,

unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

1. Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord in the suffering, this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
Sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase.

God of the poor,

Friend of the weak,

Give us compassion we pray, melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.

Come change our love from a spark to a flame.

2. Shelter for fragile lives,
Cure for their ills,
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

Chorus

3. Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
Cities for sanctu'ry, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Chorus

4. Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
Plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed:
Make us content with the things that we need.

Chorus

5. Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
Until your justice burns brightly again:
Until the nations learn of your ways,
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

Chorus

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Mark 9.30–37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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) Ogden: *Christ has no body.*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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

NEXT SUNDAY PATRONAL FESTIVAL. The Revd. Diana Glover will be our guest preacher at the 10am. service.

8.00am. SAID EUCHARIST

10.00am. SUNG EUCHARIST

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 28.10-17; Psalm 103.19-end; Revelation 12.7-12; John 1.47-end

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

WHEELER COFFEE –St Michael's – Tuesday, 25 September - 10.00am. – midday

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

RIP GERWYN JONES (husband of Valerie Jones)

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

"POP IN AND PAINT" - St Michael's – Friday, 26 October – 10.30am. – 12.15pm.

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 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 at the 10am. service. 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.

RIP JEAN HOWSE

Jean died last Sunday. Her funeral will take place at St. Michael's on Friday, 05 October at 11.00am. All are welcome.

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 APPEAL – Sunday, 14 October

Those who were not able to be there may like to listen to the excellent talk given by Jake Leyland at the 10.00am. service on Sunday, 16 September about Médecins Sans Frontières, the charity chosen for our Harvest Appeal. This talk may be found at <http://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/media/>. Envelopes into which to put your donations will be available shortly. More information about the organisation may be found at <https://www.msf.org.uk/about-us>.

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

Traidcraft Advent Calendars will be available on the stall in October and November for those who have already requested them. Extra calendars will also be available to buy. Orders for these and other items should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office, to ensure availability on the monthly stall.

NOT-ONE-FOR-LUNCH - Lady Chapel –Monday, 15 October - 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.

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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 25 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: 'Second Wind' (wind group)**

A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON...Lectures on Contemporary Issues – Seer Green Baptist Church – Today, Sunday, Sept. 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.