



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

Please take this sheet home with you for future reference.

30 September, 2018

Michaelmas : Patronal Festival

8.00am. Said Eucharist

10.00am. Sung Eucharist.

At 10.00am. we welcome back Revd. Diana Glover as our guest preacher.

After this 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.

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) *Vaughan Williams: O taste and see.*

Collect

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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.**

Genesis 28.10–17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

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

Psalm 103 vv.19 – 22

Response: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word.

Response

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul. **Response**

Revelation 12.7–12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

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

John 1.47–51

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

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.

Offertory Hymn

1. How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?
2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.
3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.
4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

Words: John Mason (c.1645-1694)

Music during Communion (sung by the choir) Bach: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; 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 8.00am. SAID EUCHARIST Guest Preacher: Deacon John Crowshaw

10.00am. SUNG EUCHARIST: Guest Preacher and President: Revd. Ron Cosh

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 2.18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1.1-4,2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

PATRONAL FESTIVAL –Today, Sunday, 30 September

After the service, the celebrations will move to the Hall for the formal dedication of the new Glover Room (created out of the space previously occupied by the stage) and a shared lunch.

WHEELER COFFEE –St Michael’s – Tuesday, 02 October - 10.00am. – midday

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

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.

OFFICE OPENING THIS WEEK

The Office will be open Monday-Thursday this week, but closed on Friday. Normal hours will be resumed the following week.

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 on Sunday, September 16th. 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/>. More information about the organisation may be found at <https://www.msf.org.uk/about-us>.

TRADCRAFT 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.

"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.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION Sunday, 28 October – after 10.00am. service

Maureen Grover invites the congregation to stay for a drink and refreshments to celebrate her 90th birthday.

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 the clergy.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 02 October - 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: Challoner's Boys in Recital**

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.