



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

Please take this sheet home with you for future reference.

07 October, 2018

Trinity 19

8.00am. Said Eucharist

Led by Deacon John Crowshaw with communion from the reserved sacrament

10.00am.

Revd. Rod Cosh, Area Dean of Burnham and Slough will preside and preach.

Peter is presiding at the 8.00am. Eucharist at Penn, as usual on the first Sunday.

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 God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Genesis 2.18–24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

Psalm 8

Response: Above the heavens your majesty be praised.

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

Response

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

Response

You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under their feet,

Response

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Response

Hebrews 1.1–4; 2.5–12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

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

Mark 10.2–16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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) *As the deer pants*

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of 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. HARVEST GATHERED ROUND SUNG EUCHARIST: Guest Preacher and

President: Canon Tim Harper

Readings for next Sunday: Amos 5.6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90.12-end; Mark 10.17-31; (all 8.00am. only)

Matthew 6.25-33 (Harvest 10.00am.)

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

WHEELER COFFEE –St Michael's – Tuesday, 09 October - 10.00am. – midday

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

HARVEST APPEAL – Sunday, 14 October

Envelopes to donate to Médecins Sans Frontières, the charity chosen for our Harvest Appeal this year are available now. These can be placed in the collection plate this week, or next. Those who were not able to be there may like to listen to the excellent talk about the organisation given by Jake Leyland at the 10.00am. service on Sunday, 16 September. It can be found at

<http://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/media/>. For more information about the organisation, see

<https://www.msf.org.uk/about-us>.

TRAIDCRAFT 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.

CARD STALL IN AID OF ST. ANNE'S HOSPITAL, LIULI – Sunday, 21 October after the 10.00am. service

Keith and Hazel Adamson will be selling Christmas cards painted by a well-known canal artist, at knock down prices, in aid of St.Anne's hospital, Liuli. Also some notelets.

"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 after the service for a drink and refreshments to celebrate her 90th birthday.

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB- Wheeler Room- Friday, 02 November- 2.00pm. – 4.00pm.

Viceroy's House: Tells the true story of the final months of British Rule in India, starring Hugh Bonneville and Gillian Anderson as the Mountbattens. Running time – 101 mins.

All welcome. Refreshments served after the showing.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 07 November - 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.

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.

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, 09 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: Louise Child 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. Also needed are children's Smiley bags - boys and girls underpants in packs, or toothbrush / toothpaste, or school use coloured pencils, pencil sharpeners or woolly hats, or a small drawstring bag to put them in. Similarly ladies' dignity bags of sanitary towels, underwear packs, toothbrush, deodorant, soap, or bags for these contents. 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).

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.