



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

11 November, 2018 3rd. Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday

Please take this sheet home with you for future reference.

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.

St. Michael's original Foundation Stone laid in 1919 and now embedded in the external wall of the North Transept.

8.00am.: Said Eucharist, led by Deacon John Crowshaw with communion from the reserved sacrament.

10.00am.: Gathered Round - Revd. Rod Cosh, Area Dean of Burnham and Slough, will preside and preach.

Peter is presiding at the Eucharists at Cublington and Aston Abbots, as usual on the second Sunday.

During Gathered Round, the Intercessions will be led by Ken Prideaux-Brune. Ken has a long standing connection with Talbot House, a club established in Poperinge, Belgium in 1915 by army chaplains the Revd. Neville Talbot and the Revd. Philip 'Tubby' Clayton, just a few miles from the front line at Ypres. It was regarded by soldiers as a haven from the horrors of the trenches where their comrades were killed in their tens of thousands. Ken worked with 'Tubby' Clayton at TOC H, the international charity which developed after the war from the soldiers' club at Talbot House. Ken regularly leads tours of the WWI battlefields in Flanders.

The extract from Lawrence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen' before the two minutes silence, and John Maxwell Edmunds' words 'When you go Home...', after the silence, will be read by Jo Harrington. Jo's Uncle Joseph, after whom she is named, was killed at Passchendaele. She and her sister were among those who attended the Commemoration in 2017, held at Tyne Cot cemetery and memorial, arranged by the War Graves Commission, in which members of both the British and the Belgian Royal families took part. The group from St Michael's, which went with Ken Prideaux-Brune on a tour of the WWI battlefields in 2002, visited the cemetery where Jo's uncle is remembered, and laid a wreath beneath the spot on the long memorial wall on which his name is inscribed.

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Jonah 3.1–5, 10

8.00am. only

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Mark 1.14–20

8.00am. only

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Music during Communion (sung by the choir)

Taizé- Eat this Bread

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Services this week

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

MONDAY and 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: Daniel 12.1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10.11-14,19-25; Mark 13.1-8

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

TRAIDCRAFT STALL – Today, 11 November, after the 10.00am. service

Traidcraft Advent Calendars will be available on the stall 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.

WHEELER COFFEE –St. Michael's – Tuesday, 13 November - 10.00am. – midday

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

MESSY CHURCH–St. Michael's - Saturday, 17 November - 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.

NOT-ONE-FOR-LUNCH - Lady Chapel –Monday, 19 November - 12.45pm. for 1.00pm.

A sandwich lunch 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.

POP IN AND PAINT" - St. Michael's – Friday, 30 November – 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.

COTHA CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – St. Michael's – Saturday, 01 December – Sunday, 06 January

Local groups and businesses have been invited to decorate a tree, but there are still some available. If you are part of a group who might be interested in taking part in this community festival, contact the Church Office or see the website, <http://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/welcome/recent-and-forthcoming-events/christmas-tree-festival/> for more information about how to get involved.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 05 December - 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- Friday, 07 December- 2.00pm. – 4.00pm.

The Greatest Showman: A musical inspired by the story of P.T Barnum, starring Hugh Jackman. Running Time – 100mins. All welcome. Refreshments served after the showing.

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES SHOP NOW OPEN - Monday – Saturday, 10am. - 4.00pm. Sunday morning after the 10am. service.

Christmas cards; Advent cards and candles; gift tags; wrapping materials and much more. Until Friday, 14 December. St. Michael's cards are also available from the stall - £2.50 per pack of 6 cards.

JENNIFER WHITTAKER SERMON

If anyone was unable to come to church on October 28th., or would like to hear Jennifer's sermon again, it is available on the website, <http://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/media/>

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.

THE REV. 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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 13 November - 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 Girls in Recital**

BEYOND DIFFERENCE: WOMEN AND FAITH? –St. Mary's Church Rooms, Church Street, Chesham – Tuesday 27 November – 7.30pm.

Beyond Difference attempts to connect faiths, beliefs and philosophies throughout the Chilterns and South Bucks. It aims to find common ground and promote harmony in the community by sharing knowledge and developing friendship, trust and understanding. At this event, those gathered will hear from Muneera & Saba Arif from the Muslim perspective and Pippa Sands from the Christian perspective.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY – St. JAMES, GERRARDS CROSS

The church is currently seeking to recruit an administrator. If you are interested in the role, or know of someone who might be, further information can be found at <https://saintjames.org.uk/about/job-vacancies/>

REQUEST FOR HELP

The Church Office has been approached by a person with mobility problems living in Brudenell Close, who is looking for someone who can trim a garden hedge. The job is envisaged as taking only 5-10 minutes. If anyone feels able to assist, please contact Hazel in the Office for more information.