



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

18 August, 2019

9th. Sunday after Trinity

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. 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.

8.00am.: Said Eucharist

10.00am.: Said Eucharist with hymns

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 23.23–29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Luke 12.49–56

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services this week

THE CHURCH AND LADY CHAPEL are usually available for prayer and meditation from 9.30am.

MONDAY-FRIDAY 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
	10.00am.	SAID EUCHARIST with hymns
Readings for next Sunday:	Isaiah 58.9b-end; Luke 13.10-17	

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

WHEELER COFFEE –St. Michael's – Tuesday, 20 August - 10.00am. – midday

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

AMERSHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY ANNUAL EXHIBITION – St. Michael's – Tuesday, 20 – Saturday, 24 August – 10.00am – 6.00pm

The APS is returning to St. Michaels for a second year. Admission free, so do come in and have a look round.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 04 September - 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, 06 September- 2.00pm. – 4.00pm.

The first session of the 2019-20 season. All welcome. Refreshments served after the showing.

Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri: Frances McDormand delivers a powerful performance in this darkly-comic drama. A murdered girl's defiant mother boldly paints three local billboards, each with a controversial message. Running time – 1hr50mins

TRAIDCRAFT STALL –Sunday, 08 September after the 10.00am. service.

Special orders should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office, to ensure availability on the monthly stall.

HEALING WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING – Lady Chapel - Tuesday, 10 September -10.30am.

This sacrament is offered nine times a year, spread across the three regular weekly services. The sacrament of healing is often offered to people who are ill or dying, but it is not restricted to that. It is offered at St. Michael's and in many other churches during the normal service. The thinking behind this is that we are all in need of healing, both in our relationships with one another and with God. It is also offered to help us with problems and difficult situations, which we all face at some points in our lives. It is not compulsory to receive healing, but many people find it helpful, as it can bring a sense of closeness to God and a discovery of peace, a time of quiet in a busy and sometimes noisy world.

RIDE AND STRIDE FOR CHURCHES – Buckinghamshire's Churches Open Day -Saturday, 14 September – 10.00am. – 6.00pm.

Participants are encouraged to choose their own route around local churches and to seek sponsorship in support of Bucks Historic Churches Trust. David Rafferty has already signed up to take part and would welcome additional sponsors. If anyone else is interested in taking part, please speak to David. St. Michael's is listed among the churches open to welcome walkers and riders.

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 Johns on 729061.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 20 August – 12.15pm – 2.00pm.

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 1.40pm. We are open for anyone who wants a bit of an oasis during the week at lunch time every Tuesday.

This week: Recital with Mark Ellis and James Kellas.

FARMFEST - Old Uxbridge Road, West HydeWD3 9XJ - August 23rd to 26th.

A fundraiser with and for homeless women and children at The Catholic Worker Farm 30 amazing local bands, real ale, great food, camping and lots of fun. More details on 07983477819 or www.farmfest.info.