



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

25 August, 2019

10<sup>th</sup>. 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**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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**

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Isaiah 58.9–14a**

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

### **Luke 13.10–17**

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through 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. SUNG EUCHARIST**

**Readings for next Sunday: Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16; Luke 14.1,7-14**

### ***Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's***

**WHEELER COFFEE –St. Michael's – Tuesday, 27 August - 10.00am. – midday**

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

**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.

**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 for walkers and riders to visit. While refreshments will be left in the Narthex, a friendly face is always welcome, particularly towards the end of the day. If anyone could be in Church that day, even if doing something else, please could you let the Office know so that we can put together some form of rota.

**HEALING WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING – Sunday, 15 September – 8.00am.**

**(please note that this is a change to the date listed for the past two weeks)**

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.

**NOT ONE FOR LUNCH - Lady Chapel –Monday, 16 September - 12.45pm. for 1.00pm.**

A sandwich lunch for those who live alone and eat alone, and an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones in a very informal atmosphere.

**MESSY CHURCH–St. Michael's - Saturday, 21 September- 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.

**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, 27 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: The GillieBillies in recital: mandolin/banjo and accordion**

**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](http://www.farmfest.info).