



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

08 September, 2019

12<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.: Gathered Round – Informal all-age Eucharist**

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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**

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Deuteronomy 30.15–20**

**8.00am. only**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

### **Luke 14.25–33**

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name 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. HEALING EUCHARIST**

**10.00am. SUNG EUCHARIST**

**Readings for next Sunday: Exodus 32, 7-14, Psalm 51, 1-10, Luke 15, 1-10**

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

**TRAIDCRAFT STALL –Today, 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.

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

This week, the Office will be closed on Tuesday, (10 September).

**WHEELER COFFEE –St. Michael's – Tuesday, 10 September - 10.00am. – midday**

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

**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.**

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.

**"POP IN AND PAINT" - St. Michael's – Friday, 27 September – 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!

**WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB- Wheeler Room- Friday, 27 September- 2.00pm. – 4.00pm.**

***Jimmy's Hall***, directed by Ken Loach. Set in the 1920s/30s, a powerful story which takes an evocative look at Irish history, particularly as it challenges the Church, authorities and government.

Running time –1hr44mins. All welcome. Refreshments served after the showing.

**HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 02 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.

**RECENT SERMONS**

A number of people have asked for a copy of the poem by Liz Berry quoted by Revd. Debbie in last week's sermon. If anyone else would like one, please contact the Office. The full sermon is available to listen to at <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 Johns on 729061.

***Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's***

**LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 10 September – 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: Lunchbreak Hymn Sing**

**'OPEN THE BOOK' 20TH. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SERVICE - Amersham Free Church Hall – Tuesday, 17 September -7.15pm.**

We are all invited to attend this celebration service. 'Open the Book', which includes members of St. Michael's, takes Bible stories into assemblies at local schools. Please speak to Roland Gillott on 722674 if you have any questions.'