



**St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England**

**1 March, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Lent.**

**Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m., and Tuesday, 10.30a.m.**

**Sung Eucharist – Sunday, 10a.m.**

**Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel – Tuesday, 9.00a.m.**

**The 10a.m. service will be recorded, and then be available after the service on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>**

**Hymns**

349 New every morning is the love  
 349 Nada te turbe  
 235 I the Lord of sea and sky  
 478 The God of Abram praise

**Readers**

Hazel Miller and Andy Connor

**Collect**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Alternative Collect**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Genesis 12.1-4a**

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 121**

**Response: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

**Response**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble; he who watches over you will not sleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

**Response**

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, neither the moon by night.

**Response**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil ; it is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in,

from this time forth for evermore.

**Response**

**Romans 4.1-5, 13-17**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works,

wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

### **John 3.1-17**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ***Activities and Events at St. Michael & All Angels, Amersham on the Hill***

### **EASTER SERVICES 2026**

**Palm Sunday– 29 March – 8.30a.m. & 10a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday– 2 April – 8p.m (Includes washing of feet)**

**Good Friday– 3 April – 10a.m.**

**& St. Michael's Square at 11.30a.m.**

**Holy Saturday – 4 April – Service of Light at 8p.m.**

**Easter Day– 5 April – 8.30a.m. & 10a.m.**



**LENT APPEAL – PROJECT POSSIBLE** Please donate to this appeal if you are able to, either via the card machine in the narthex, by filling an envelope and handing it to the office or via the QR code here.

**LENT COURSE – Tuesday, 3, 10 & 17 March – 7p.m. – Zoom.** If you would like to attend please contact the church office in person or via email on [office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk). The course will follow the second part of God of Surprises. If you don't have a copy of this book, please do let Rachel know when you contact her.

**A CRAFTY CUPPA –27 February – 10.30a.m.-12noon.** A Crafty Cuppa is a drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. Do bring your knitting, crochet and sewing, if you would like to. Some organised talks or crafts will also be available for those who prefer to come empty handed.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 5 March – 10a.m.-12 noon – Wheeler Room, St. Michael's.** Are you or a loved one facing a cancer diagnosis? Are you finding cancer treatment tough? Is your treatment over, but you still feel anxious? You are not alone. Please drop in for coffee and a chat.

**POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 6 March – 10.30a.m.-12.30p.m.** 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 come along for a chat and watch the proceedings!

**WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 6 March – 2p.m.-4p.m. – THE CRITIC** Starring Ian McKellen. A dark and sharp-witted thriller set in 1930s London theatreland. Running Time 1hr. 40mins.

**REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 7 March – 10.a.m.-1p.m.** Come along to SustainableAmersham.org's pop-up Repair Café. Volunteer repairers will help you fix your stuff for free. No appointment required. Free refreshments. The repair café is on the first Saturday of every second month.

**RED KITE CRAFT MARKET – Saturday, 7 March – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall.** Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more. The repair café is on the first Saturday of every second month.

**FAIRTRADE – Sunday, 5 March –** The stall will be set up and available in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

**MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 21 March – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.** Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by an interactive session and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

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

**LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 3 March – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – Music, a talk or a Bite Sized Service.** All Welcome.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday, 6 March – 10.30a.m. at the Amersham Free Church.** All welcome.

**BREAKING BREAD – Sunday, 8 March – 3p.m.-5p.m. at the Large Barn Hall, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham.** You are invited to celebrate International Women's Day on the theme of 'Give to Gain'. Tickets are £3 each (£1 for under 16's). The event will include a brief history of bread, with tales of local women's roles in baking in Bucks, a quiz, food, tea and coffee and more. For more details and to book please see the community notice board on St. Michael's Square.

**LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 20 March – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church.** At this meeting we shall hear a talk by Liz Instone, a retired teacher, entitled 'Tales from 40 years of teaching'. Come along and find out how things have changed in the classroom since most of us went to school. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. *It would be wonderful to have members of St. Michael's come and join us again.*