



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

10 August, 2025 – 8th Sunday after Trinity

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m., 10.00a.m., and Tuesday, 10.30a.m.

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

Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.00a.m. service. Please stay for a chat if you can.

Hymns for 10a.m.

17 All people that on earth do
318 Lord, thy Word abideth
259 Jerusalem the golden
186 Great is thy faithfulness

Readers:

Claire
and Rachel

Collect

Alternative Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Genesis 15.1-6

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' The Lord brought Abraham outside and said, 'Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalms 33.12-end

Response: Let your loving kindness be upon us, O Lord.

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord and the people he has chosen for his own

Response

The Lord looks down from heaven and beholds all the children of the earth.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

Response

No king is saved by the might of his host; no warrior delivered by his great strength.

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save

Response

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,

To deliver their soul from death and to feed them in time of famine.

Response

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; in his holy name have we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on you.

Response

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac

and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Luke 12.32-40

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

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

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

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

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

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 22 August & 12 September – 10.30a.m.-12noon. A Crafty Cuppa is a drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. Please 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. We look forward to seeing you.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 4 September – 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, 5 September – 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!

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 6 September – 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.

FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 14 September. The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 September – 11.30a.m.-1p.m. Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by a story or discussion, and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael’s

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesdays – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. **a ukelele concert on 12 August, Community Connex on 19 August, and Great Sacred Music on 26 August.**

LUNCH FORUM – Will not be on in August.