



***St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
10 March, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday.***

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

Gathered Round – Sunday 10.00a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, - Tuesday 9a.m.

A warm welcome to the Rev. Canon Tim Harper, who will preside over the 8.30a.m & 10a.m. services on Sunday.

***Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.00a.m. Gathered Round service.
Please stay for a chat with other members of the congregation if you can.***

The Traidcraft stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service

Hymns for 10a.m.

40 As we are gathered

296 Let all the world in every corner sing

227 I come with joy, a child of God

354 Now thank we all our God

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

8.30.m. only. 1 Samuel 1.20–28

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

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

Psalms 127.1-4

Response: Children are a heritage from the Lord.

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord keeps the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

Response

Response: Children are a heritage from the Lord.

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil,
for he gives his beloved sleep.

Response

Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

Response

8.30a.m. & 10a.m. John 19.25b–27

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

LENT COURSE – WEEKLY FROM TUESDAY, 5 MARCH to TUESDAY, 19 MARCH – ZOOM – 7.30p.m.

The group will follow the text in *Transfiguration* by Rob Marshall.

LENT APPEAL 2024 – The beneficiary for the St. Michael and All Angels Church Lent Appeal will once again be the "Friends of St. Anne's Hospital, Liuli" in Tanzania, a charity we have supported for over 10 years, which brings much needed medical services to a remote part of Africa. Envelopes for cash and cheques with gift aid forms are attached or available in the Narthex. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of St. Anne's Hospital". Alternatively, donations can be made through the Church's card reader or made directly through the charity's website: "<https://friends-of-st-annes.com/>" If you donate this way, please use the option "Leave a message" as follows "From a member of the congregation of St. Michael's church, Amersham".

EASTER SERVICES 2024

Passion Sunday, 17 March—8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

Palm Sunday, 24 March—8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

Maundy Thursday, 28 March—8p.m.

Good Friday, 29 March—10a.m., followed by a COTHA service at 11.30a.m. on St. Michael's Square.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, 30 March—8p.m.

Easter Sunday, 31 March—8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral roll will be closed for revision prior to the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Sunday, 28 April. Anyone who lives in the parish, and/or is a regular attendee at church services is entitled to be on the roll. If you meet the qualifying criteria, and wish to be included on the roll in time to be able to vote at the APCM at the end of April, you should ensure that your completed form is submitted to Hazel, in the Church Office, by Friday, 12 April.

LUNCH IN CHURCH TO CELEBRATE FR. PETER BINNS' 80TH BIRTHDAY – Tuesday, 23 April 2024

There will be a lunch in church to celebrate Fr. Peter Binns' 80th Birthday on Tuesday, 23 April 2024. All members of the congregation are invited. It will help with the catering arrangements if you will let the Church Office know by Friday, 22 March if you would like to be at the lunch ([email: office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk); tel: 01494 726680). Tickets will be issued in due course to those who

do so. Please will you at the same time let the Office know about any allergies or dietary requirements. If you wish to speak to Hazel Miller about this, as it is a Church Office matter, please will you do so during Office opening hours during the week, and not on a Sunday. There will be no charge for the lunch, but donations towards the cost (which may be made on the day) will be appreciated, although not required.

LEARN TO DANCE MODERN JIVE – Every Saturday – from 7.30p.m. – In the Church Hall – 9 March

The classes are free, albeit donations towards St. Michael's are welcome! You don't need to know how to dance or even turn up every week, just drop in any week and have fun!

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 16 March – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.

The third Saturday each month. This is a fun, informal activity for all the family, combining creative activities and biblical teaching, followed by lunch. All welcome. No need to book. Just turn up.

CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday 8 and 22 March & 12 April – 10.30a.m.-12noon.

A drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. If you engage in a craft, such as knitting or embroidery, bring it with you and enjoy some company while you work. All welcome.

THE TOWN COUNCIL CLIMATE ACTION DAY EVENT – St. Michael's Square – March 23rd

Including a fashion show of recycled/repaired items put on by local schools. More details to follow.

"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 5 April – 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 to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 5 April – 2p.m.-4p.m. – Wheeler Room – THE QUIET GIRL

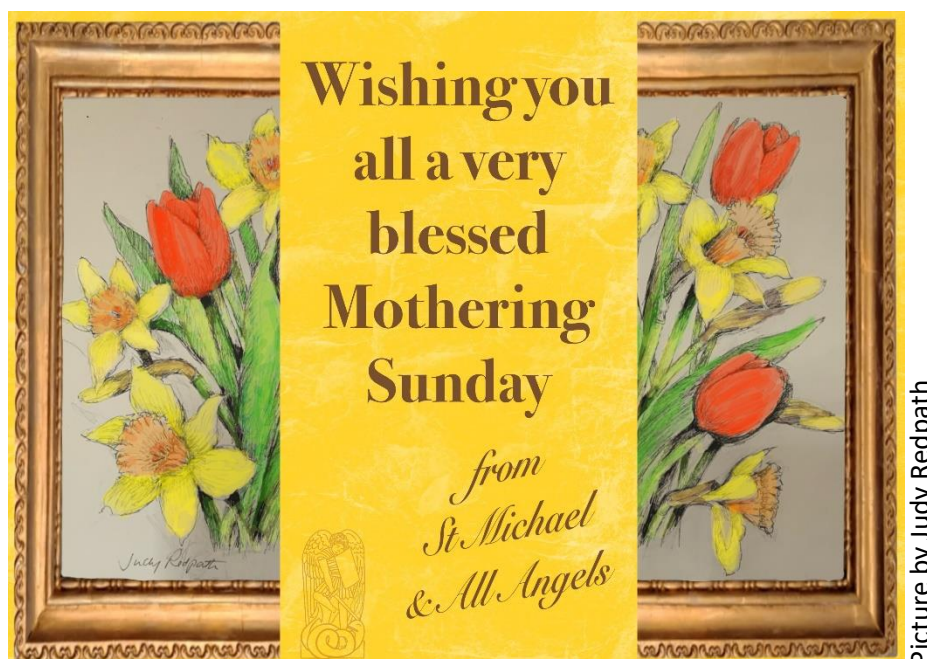
Irish Cait, a quiet neglected young girl is sent away from her dysfunctional family to live with relatives for the summer. Cait senses that something is plaguing her new foster parents. Introducing Catherine Clinch as 'Cait'. Running Time 1hr.30mins.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 4 May – 10.a.m.-1p.m.

Come along to SustainableAmersham.org's pop-up Repair Café, where volunteer repairers will help you fix your stuff for free. No appointment required. Free refreshments are available.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 12 March – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. Dr Challoner's Grammar School in Recital.



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