



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

11 January, 2026 – Baptism of Christ/1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

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

Gathered Round – Sunday 10.00a.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 with other members of the congregation if you can.*

*The Traidcraft stall will be in the North Transept after the 10am service.*

### Hymns for 10a.m.

40 As we are gathered

500 There is a redeemer

28 Among us and before

155 Give to our God immortal praise

### Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### Isaiah 42.1-9

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

### Psalm 29

**Response: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **Response**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. **Response**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. **Response**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. **Response**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;

in his temple all cry, 'Glory!' **Response**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **Response**

## **Matthew 3.13-end**

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**RIP. JEAN REEVE.** All are welcome to attend Jean's funeral on Friday, 16 January at 2.30p.m. at The Hampden Chapel, Chilterns crematorium.

**SURVEY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BISHOP OF OXFORD**, following Bishop Steven's retirement announcement. A Statement of Needs that will set out information about the Diocese, including its hopes and challenges, and what people believe is important to them in a new Bishop, is being created. If you would like your voice heard please follow the link below:

[https://oxford.anglican.org/consultation?utm\\_source=Diocese+of+Oxford+Mailing+Lists&utm\\_campaign=214ac424ee-EMAIL CAMPAIGN 2026 01 06 01 14&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-214ac424ee-339849597](https://oxford.anglican.org/consultation?utm_source=Diocese+of+Oxford+Mailing+Lists&utm_campaign=214ac424ee-EMAIL%20CAMPAIGN%202026%2001%2006%2001%2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-214ac424ee-339849597)

### **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL RAISING FUNDS FOR WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION**

Huge thanks goes to everyone who supported this event, helping to raise well over £4,500, with sponsorship of the Trees, ongoing collection, supporting events, Gift Aid and volunteers from St. Michael's and Wycombe Homeless Connection all playing a part. A truly rewarding team effort!

**A CRAFTY CUPPA – 9 January CANCELLED, & 23 January – 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. We look forward to seeing you.

### **POP IN AND PAINT – 9 January – CANCELLED**

### **WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 9 January – CANCELLED**

**FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 11 January.** The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

**MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 17 January – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.** Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by an interactive session with Revd. Debbie, and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 5 February – 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.

**REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 3 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.

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

**LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 13 January – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m.** LunchBreak's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 16 January – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church.** Mark Lawson, from local company Two Spoons Tea Ltd, has travelled throughout the world tasting, buying and blending tea. He will relate 'The Story of Tea from Bush to Cup'. This lively and informative talk will include a tasting and plenty of opportunity to quench our thirst for tea knowledge! As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.00pm. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. *It would be wonderful to have members from St. Michael's come and join us.*

