



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

11 May, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Gathered Round, Sunday – 10a.m.

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

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
442 Seek ye first
117 Faithful shepherd, feed me
490a The Lord's my shepherd

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 9.36-end (8.30a.m. only)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Response

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Response

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Response

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Response

John 10.22-30 (8.30a.m. & 10a.m.)

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you

keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Activities and Events at St. Michael & All Angels

LENT AND HARVEST APPEALS 2025. We are pleased to say that the Lent Appeal at St Michael's this year raised £1,826 for the "Friends of St Anne's Hospital" in Liuli, Tanzania, including gift aid.

Our next Appeal will be at Harvest time when we will be supporting the "Karibuni Children", an educational charity in Kenya, which is run locally.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – The second and fourth Friday of each month. Friday, 9 & 23 May – 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.

MESSY CHURCH – The third Saturday of each month (except August) Saturday, 17 May – 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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – Sunday, 18 May - 10.00a.m. The APCM will take place on Sunday, 18 May at 10a.m. in church, followed by a short Holy Communion Service. Attendance at the APCM is limited to those on the electoral roll of the parish. The agenda and other papers relating to the meeting will be circulated to those on the roll. The meeting agenda includes elections for vacancies on the PCC.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – The first Thursday of each month. Thursday, 5 June – 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. Sharing experiences can be such a positive support in our cancer journeys.

"POP IN AND PAINT" – The first Friday of each month. 6 June – 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!

FAIRTRADE STALL – The second Sunday of each month. Sunday, 8 June. The stall will be in the North Transept, with a variety of goods, after the 10a.m. service.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 13, 20 & 27 May – 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 talk, music or a short service.

FRIDAY LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 16 May – from 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Alison Bailey from Amersham Museum, will talk on 'Arts & Crafts style - Amersham' Bring a packed lunch. The talk starts at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. All very welcome.

AMCHOR with Aylesbury Festival Chorus Summer Concert – Saturday, 17 May, 7.30pm – St. Mary's Church, Church St, Old Amersham. John Rutter: Requiem & Magnificat; Peter Warlock: Capriol. Soprano: Caroline Bourg; The British Sinfonietta; Ben Giddens (Organ). Conductor: Nick Austin. Tickets £20/£10 students, under 16s free, available from Perfect Pitch, Chesham, The Record Shop, Amersham or www.wegotickets.com/amchor; box office 07748 154089. See www.amchor.com for further information.

WENDOVER ARTS FESTIVAL – 24-26 May 2025 – St. Mary's Church, Wendover HP22 6NL – Exhibition & sale of art, paintings, prints, textiles, photographs, sculpture, pottery and glass. Over 70 artists exhibiting. Lunches, teas and raffle available. Admission: Adults £2, children (under 16) free. For more information please visit www.wendover-arts-festival.co.uk.

ST. ANDREW'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2025 – 13-14 June – Great Missenden, Bucks – 20+ authors, workshops and art exhibition. For more details please visit WWW.STALITFEST.CO.UK