



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

12 April, 2026 – 2nd 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, 9.00a.m.

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

The Fairtrade stall will be set up in the North Transept after the service.

Hymns for 10a.m.

40 As we are gathered

66 Bread is blest and broken

280 Jesus, stand among us

24 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 2.14a, 22–32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

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

Psalm 16

Response: In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;

I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my lord, all my good depends on you.’

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble in heart.

Response

Though the idols are legion that many run after, their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

Response

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

Response

Response: In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me; he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Response

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death, nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

Response

You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy

and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Response

John 20.19–31

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

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A big thank you to everyone for making Holy Week and Easter such a wonderful and spirit filled journey.

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

NOTICE OF ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION.

As Electoral Roll Officer I am required to give notice that there will be the usual annual revision of the Roll in preparation for the APCM on 26th April 2026. If you are already on the Roll, no action is needed, but if you are a newcomer to the parish or have been attending services at St. Michael's over the past 6 months you can apply to join the Electoral Roll. Please speak to myself or Rachel, the Church Administrator, in the Church Office. Applications should be in by 11th April 2026. Chris Leslie.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 10 April – 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.

POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 10 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 come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 10 April – 2p.m.-4p.m. – BACK TO BLACK Marisa Abela is sensational as Amy Winehouse. Her voice, her life, her legacy. Running Time: 2hrs.

FAIRTRADE – Sunday, 12 April – The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 18 April – 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.

PARENTING THROUGH THE TEEN YEARS – Monday, 20 April – 9.30a.m.-11a.m. – The Wheeler Room, St. Michael's. A monthly support group led by experienced counsellors, Sarah Standish & Claire Morgan. Please contact Claire on 07903 443443 to reserve your space. Suggested donation of £5.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – Sunday, 26 April - 10.00a.m. The APCM will take place on Sunday, 26 April 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.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 2 May – 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, 2 May – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 7 May – 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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 14 April – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – Great Sacred Music. All Welcome.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 17 April – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Judith Fisher from Workaid, a local charity based in Chesham, will update us on the latest developments. Workaid, manned by local volunteers, refurbishes donated tools, typewriters and sewing machines. These items are then shipped to Africa in a container, and, when they arrive, are then dispersed to various groups which have already been vetted. There, using the items sent, young people have the opportunity to learn a trade and develop skills which will help set them up for life and escape poverty. 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 of St. Michael's come and join us again.*

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION'S ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE – Saturday, 25 April, at Christ the Servant King, Booker, High Wycombe, HP12 4TJ – Arrival from 2p.m. for refreshments – 2.30p.m. start. We will give thanks for the unwavering community response to homelessness in our community, celebrate the winter night shelter and the all-year-round work done to prevent and reduce the harm that homelessness does. We will also take time to honour those who have been lost. *You are invited to attend.*

TALK: FROM WYCLIF THROUGH TYNDALE AND BEYOND: THE REFORMATION IN AMERSHAM

St Mary's Church, Old Amersham - May 12 @ 7p.m. - 9p.m. - £5 suggested donation

In partnership with the Tyndale Society and St Mary's

Church, we are marking Tyndale500, the 500th anniversary of the first New Testament in English.

Amersham was very hospitable to Lollardy, the heretical movement which flowed from the ideas of John Wyclif (d.1384). Lollards stressed the importance of the Bible in English, but copies were only available in manuscript and their ownership was forbidden. Despite persecution, Lollardy persisted in Amersham, through to the early sixteenth century. In 1526 William Tyndale produced the first printed translation of the New Testament, which was also the first translation from the original Greek. It proved impossible to control its distribution and it was to change English-speaking religion for ever.

For more details and tickets please see:

<https://amershammuseum.org/event/from-wyclif-through-tyndale-and-beyond-the-reformation-in-amersham/>

TALK: THE IMPORTANCE AND LEGACY OF TYNDALE'S TRANSLATION –

St Mary's Church, Old Amersham - May 5 @ 7p.m. - 9p.m. - £5 suggested donation

In partnership with the Tyndale Society and St Mary's Church, we are marking Tyndale500, the 500th anniversary of the first New Testament in English.

500 years ago in 1526 William Tyndale published the first New Testament in English to ever be printed and the first to be translated from the original Greek. His words and phraseology set a standard which continues today. The famous Authorised Version owes much to his text, and readers of Bibles in modern English still owe a great debt to Tyndale.

For more details and tickets please see:

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