



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
12 January, 2025 – Baptism of Christ/1st 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.*

Hymns for 10a.m.

- 40 As we are gathered
- 500 There is a redeemer
- 214 Holy Spirit, come confirm us
- 405 One more stop along the world I go

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 43.1-7 (8.30a.m.)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

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

Psalm 29 (8.30a.m.)

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**

Luke 3.15-17.21-22

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

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you 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.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

COTHA United Communion Service at Amersham Free Church will be on Sunday, 19 January 2025 at 10:30a.m.

RIP. JACK FISHER Jack's funeral will take place on Wednesday, 15 January at 12.30p.m. at St. Michael's, followed by cremation, attended by the family, at The Chilterns Crematorium. Refreshments will be provided in the North Transept, when the family returns from the crematorium.

INVITATION FROM THE REVD. CANON DAVE BULL, BISHOP DESIGNATE OF BUCKINGHAM – "Over the next three months, I will be praying on Zoom on Monday evenings at 5.30pm/ for 20 minutes, starting on 2 December. Will you join me? Feel free to come along just to listen. You are welcome to join in silently – there will be no pressure to pray out loud. If you are usually doing something else at that time – walking the dog, doing the washing up or travelling home from work – you are welcome to join in, just as you are (with camera on or off!)." Please use the following zoom link to access the session or ask the office to send you a copy of the original email, so you can just click the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89461917418?pwd=5ebxBUsEXv5by0HQ8OZzaj6HDFABs.1&utm_source=Diocese+of+Oxford+Mailing+Lists&utm_campaign=3acd1b869f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_07_04_41_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5e6b832234-3acd1b869f-339849597#success

"POP IN AND PAINT" – **Friday, 10 January – 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!

A CRAFTY CUPPA– **10 January & 24 January – 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 – **Saturday, 18 January – 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 gratefully received.

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB– **Friday, 7 February. – 2p.m.-4p.m – THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY**
This is the story of an unremarkable man, who sets off on a remarkable journey to visit his old friend Queenie who is dying. Running Time 1hr 43mins

FAIR TRADE STALL – **Sunday, 9 February – after the 10a.m. Gathered Round Service.** The stall regularly offers a range of groceries and seasonal items, with other lines on request. Please come to the stall and support Fair Trade.

REPAIR CAFÉ – **Saturday, 1 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, 14 January– 12noon-2p.m.** - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. Great Sacred Music.