



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

12 July, 2026 – 6th Sunday after Trinity

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.

*All are invited to stay after the 10a.m. service for tea and coffee
in the North Transept.*

*The Fairtrade stall will be open in the North Transept
after the 10a.m. service.*

Hymns for 10a.m.

40 As we are gathered
454 Spirit of the living God
87 Colours of day
571 You shall go out with

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 55. 10-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Psalm 65.8-end

Response: Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts.

You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water;

you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.

Response

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges:

you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

Response

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy.

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep

and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

Response

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower.

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

Post Communion Prayer: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

MESSAGE FROM HAZEL MILLER: *To mark the beginning of my eighth decade during this year of celebrations at St. Michael's, I would like to invite friends from church to join me for an afternoon at Amersham Fair Organ Museum, 28 Plantation Road, on Sunday 26th July from 3.00pm – 6.00pm. If you haven't been before to what describes itself as 'one of the town's best-kept secrets', it is well worth a visit. If you have, then you will know what to expect! There will be some music. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring some light refreshments to share if able. All welcome, but it would be helpful to know in advance if you plan to come, so I can ascertain numbers. Tel: 07799 017730. Email: hazel11miller@gmail.com*

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 10 & 24 July – 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.

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

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 18 July – 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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 3 September.-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.

SUMMER MUSIC COURSES 2026 – St. Michael's Church Hall – for details, please see the community notice board.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 5 September – 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, 5 September – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

Activities and Events Beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Tuesday, 14 July – 12 noon, including at 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – Ian at the organ. *All welcome.*

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 17 July – 12.15p.m. – At our next meeting Dr. Rebecca Eliahoo will give a talk: 'Overpaid and over here - Romans and the gift of Latin'. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15p.m.-12.30p.m. with the talk starting at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water are provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speaker. *Members of St. Michael's are very welcome.*