



***St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England***  
**13 October, 2024 – 20th Sunday after Trinity**

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.

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

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

**Hymns for 10a.m.**

40 As we are gathered

454 Spirit of the living God

CG34 For the fruits of his creation **SHS**

423 Praise, O Praise our God and King

**Collect**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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**

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Amos 5.6-7, 10-15**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

**Psalm 90 13-end**

**Response: May the favour of the Lord, our God, be upon us.**

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? Have compassion on your servants.

Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning,

that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Give us the gladness for the days you have afflicted us,

and for the years in which we have seen adversity.

**Response**

Show your servants your works, and let your glory be over their children.

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us;

prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

**Response**

## **Mark 10. 17-31**

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing: go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.' This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Response during the 10a.m. sermon: ALL: That's part of the world that God made.**

### **Offertory Hymn**

#### **For the fruits of his creation**

1. For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts of every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's***

**Sadly, after more than 10 years of service to St. Michael's Church, at the end of the year Hazel Miller will be stepping down from her role as Administrator.** If you are aware of someone, who may be interested in applying for this role, please draw their attention to the community noticeboard outside St. Michael's, where the role is advertised, or ask them to contact the Church Office so details can be sent via email.

**Please note that the Church Office will be closed from 10-15 October and will reopen on Wednesday, 16 October. During this time messages will be picked up, but you may need to wait a little longer for a response.**

This year's **HARVEST APPEAL CHARITY** is Carers Bucks [www.carersbucks.org](http://www.carersbucks.org) supporting unpaid carers of all ages and backgrounds and in all caring roles. **The Harvest Appeal will continue to our Harvest Festival on 13 October.** Donations can be made by filling an envelope or by using the card reader in the Narthex.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – REQUEST FOR HELP** Kiki would love to hear from anyone willing to help with the various tasks that need volunteers to make this event successful, raising desperately needed funds for Wycombe Homeless Connection. If you can help, please email [kiki@akipl](mailto:kiki@akipl). Help is needed on Tuesday, 26 November—11a.m.-1p.m. setting up trees; Wednesday, 27 November—10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. serving coffee or being on hand to assist the Groups decorating; Saturday, 30 November—sometime between 10a.m. and 4.30p.m. welcoming in the Narthex at the Christmas Fayre; Saturday, 7 December—sometime between approx. 9.45a.m. and 3p.m. at the 'Choirs, Coffee and Cake' event, welcoming in the Narthex, collecting donations, or serving refreshments, and Thursday, 2 January—10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. clearing away the trees. In addition, we are looking for help with: publicity, photography, and sponsorship.

**CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES** will be open in the South Transept from Tuesday, 15 October. Further details will be communicated regarding opening times once they are available.

**LEARN TO DANCE MODERN JIVE – Every Friday from 4 October-22 November – 7.30p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall** (n.b. Friday 25 October will be in the North Transept). Come and learn to dance for FREE! Just turn up. Donations to St. Michael's welcome.

**CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 11 & 25 October – 10.30a.m.-12noon.** 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.

**FAIR TRADE STALL – Sunday, 13 October – After the 10a.m. Eucharist.** 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.

**MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 19 October – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.** Join us with your children/grandchildren for a fun session centered around the theme, 'The light of Christ', and based on Luke 11.33. Fun activities will be followed by a story or discussion, and a light lunch. This session is offered for free, but donations to cover costs are gratefully received.

**"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 1 November – 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 to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too!

**WISE CHOICE FILM CLUB – Friday, 1 November – 2p.m.-4p.m. – SORRY WE MISSED YOU** - A film from Ken Loach. A powerful exploration of the contemporary world of work. The challenges faced by one family trying to hold it all together. Running Time 1hr. 37mins.

**REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 2 November – 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, 15 October– 12noon-2p.m.** - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. *Second Wind* in recital.

