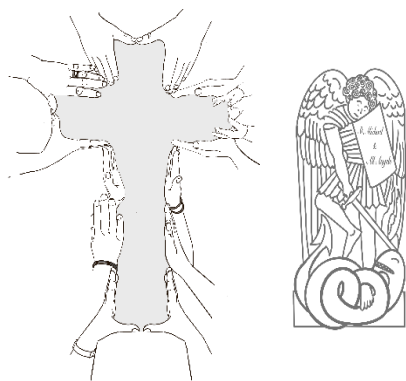




St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England 13 September, 2026 – 15th Sunday after Trinity

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.

As we are gathered

487 The Lord is my song

501 There's a wideness in God's mercy

293 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Genesis 50.15-21

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Psalms 103.8-13

Response: The Lord has compassion on his children.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, neither will he keep his anger for ever.

Response

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy upon them that fear him.

Response

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him. **Response**

Matthew 18.21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could

not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL 2026 – The foodbank have asked for donations of tinned ham, tinned minced beef, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, jam, tinned tomatoes and small jars of instant coffee. Could you please bring donations to St. Michael's so that they can be collected together and given to the Foodbank after our Harvest Service, which will take place on the second Sunday of October.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 11 September – 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. *If you would like to make poppies for Remembrance Sunday, have wool that can be used for this purpose, or you need a pattern, please come along or contact the church office.*

FAIRTRADE – Sunday, 13 September– The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

PICNIC WITH AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH – Sunday, 13 September from 12.30p.m. CANCELLED

THE SECRET LIFE OF JS BACH – Monday, 14 September – 6p.m. Takane Funatsu (Violin) and Nicola Tait Baxter (Cello) invite you to 'Take a break and join them for a beautiful 50 minute candlelight concert'. Tickets are £10 for Adults, £5 for under 18s and Free for under 12s. Book by the QR code on the poster on the community noticeboard or pay on the door.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 19 September– 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.

COUNTRY MARKETS IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL – Saturday, 19 September – 10a.m.-1p.m. Start your Christmas shopping and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee at this new craft market.

PATRONAL – Sunday, 27 September. The caterers who prepared food for Fr. Peter's do have been asked to provide a light lunch after the 10a.m. service. Please contact the church office to say if you will be attending, so the correct amount of food can be ordered. Also, if you would like to make a financial contribution towards the cost of the lunch your donation would be very much appreciated.

POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 2 October – 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!

HARVEST FISH AND CHIPS AND QUIZ NIGHT AT ST. MICHAEL'S – Friday, 9 October 2026 – 7pm. If you're interested please contact the church office. More details regarding meal choices and cost will follow.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 7 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. In addition to their usual wide range of repairs, they are now also offering technical advice: mobile phones, laptops and tablets. Bookable bike maintenance slots are also available' details on the noticeboard. No appointment required. Free refreshments. The repair café is on the first Saturday of every second month.

RED KITE CRAFT MARKET – Saturday, 7 November – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and more.

ADVENT COURSE – This will start a week before Advent. Times and dates will be confirmed shortly. If you would like to join the course, please contact the office and request a copy of *Walking with Angels*, by Eleanor Sanderson. A voluntary donation of £10 to cover the cost of the book would be welcome.

SNOW WHITE AT THE ELGIVA – 12 December – 3p.m. – Would you, your family and friends, like to join us for an outing to the panto this Christmas? If you are interested, please let the church office know as soon as possible. We have reserved 30 accessible seats until the end of September. If you can't drive, when contacting the office, please let us know that you will need transport. Providing at least 20 people book, we will receive a discount. The full price and discounted prices are shown below:

Full Price £27.00 (£23.17 if discount is applied)

60+/Disabled/Student £26.00 (£22.32 if discount is applied)

U16 £23.00 (£19.77 if discount is applied)

(if we don't reach that minimum number the full cost will be applied)

Activities and Events Beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Tuesday, 15 September – 12 noon, including at 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – a short talk, music or a Bite Sized Service. *All welcome.*

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 18 September - 12.15p.m. – From this month's meeting on 18 September a ready meal hot lunch will be provided. It will be cottage pie, lasagne or something similar followed by a dessert such as apple pie. The food will be served from 12:15pm, followed by a talk at 1pm. Tea/coffee/water are provided. Duncan Kelly will talk on 'The True Cross of Caravaca de la Cruz in Murcia province in Spain, and how cosmic rays would help tell if it's an authentic relic'. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speaker. *Members of St. Michael's are very welcome.*