



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
14 September, 2025 – Holy Cross Day

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.

1. 40 As we are gathered

2. 500 There is a redeemer

3. King of Kings, majesty **SHS**

4. 46a At the name of Jesus vv 1,2,3,7

Collect

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Numbers 21.4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalms 22.23-28

Response: My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

Response

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them.

Response

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

Response

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.

Response

John 3.13-17

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Offertory Hymn – King of kings, Majesty

1. King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne.

Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty.

2. Earth and Heaven worship You
Love eternal, Faithful and True
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty.

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Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

RIP Sybil Whitfield. Sybil's funeral will be on Thursday, 25 September, at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 12 & 26 September – 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.

FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 14 September. The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 September – 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 welcome.

WINTER CLOTHES FOR THE HOMELESS – Saturday, 27 September. A group will be in the Hall collecting and packing up winter clothes for the homeless, which will be distributed in Central London. If you have any items you would like to donate to help their efforts, please either leave them in the Church office or take them to the hall on 27 September.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 2 October – 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.

"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 3 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 watch the proceedings!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 5 September – 2p.m.-4p.m – in The Wheeler Room – MR HOLMES: Academy award nominee Ian McKellen, takes on the iconic role of Detective Sherlock Holmes. Running Time: 1hr. 40mins.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 1 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

RIP Philip Roderick. The funeral will take place at 11.15a.m. on Friday, 3 October at St. Barnabas Church, 88 Sackville Road, Hove BN3 3HE, followed by a reception at 2p.m. (Venue TBC, in Hove). The family would welcome as many people to attend as possible. Please RSVP. to sarah@quietgarden.org.

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesdays – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. the U3A Jazz Band in Recital.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 19 September – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Bring a packed lunch. A talk about 'Conservation Projects in Africa' will be given at 1p.m. by Peter Burdin, who has worked extensively for the BBC. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. All very welcome.

BIBLE TEACHING DAY – Saturday 11 October – 10a.m.-3p.m. The Amersham Free Church have invited us to join them for their upcoming annual. The session, 'Reading and Singing God's Word', will be led by retired United Reformed Church Minister, The Revd. Dr John Miller Campbell. More details can be found from Sunday on the poster on the noticeboard outside the church.