

St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

15 February 2026 – Sunday Next before Lent



Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m., and **Ash Wednesday, 10.30a.m. and 7p.m.**

Sung Eucharist – Sunday, 10a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel – **Tuesday, 9.00a.m.**

There will be no Eucharist on Tuesday, 17 February.

The 10a.m. service will be recorded then available after the service on

St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Hymns for 10a.m.

SHS God is love, and where true love is

SHS Christ upon the mountain peak

SHS God is here, as we his people

SHS Tree of life

Readers

Hazel Miller

Ann Beattie

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Exodus 24.12-end

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Psalm 99

Response: The Lord our God is holy.

The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble; he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion and high above all peoples.

Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; the Lord our God is holy.

Response

Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God; bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Response

Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among those who call upon his name;
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

Response

You answered them, O Lord our God;

you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

Response

2 Peter 1.16-end

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Matthew 17.1-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ash Wednesday readings for 10.30a.m. and 7p.m.

Both services will be in The Lady Chapel.



Joel 2.1–2, 12–17

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near – a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, ‘Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, “Where is their God?”’

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

Psalm 51.1-18

Response: make me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

Response

For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement.

Response

I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

Response

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

Response

Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Response

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.
Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

Response

Matthew 6.1–6, 16–21

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

Jesus said to the disciples, ‘Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and

your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

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

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

EASTER SERVICES 2026

Ash Wednesday – 18 February – 10.30a.m. & 7p.m.

Palm Sunday– 29 March – 8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

Maundy Thursday– 2 April – 8p.m (Includes washing of feet)

Good Friday– 3 April – 10a.m.

& St Michael's Square at 11.30a.m..

Holy Saturday – 4 April – Service of Light at 8p.m.

Easter Day– 5 April – 8.30a.m. & 10a.m.



SHROVE TUESDAY OUTING – 17 February 7p.m. All are invited to join an outing to Pizza Express, Amersham. Please email the office on office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Tuesday, 17 February – Morning Prayer will continue at 9a.m. as usual. The 10.30a.m. said Eucharist will instead take place on Wednesday, 18 February in the Lady Chapel to celebrate Ash Wednesday, and there will be an additional service in the evening at 7p.m.

LENT APPEAL – PROJECT POSSIBLE An illustrated talk about this charity work will be given by David Pepper, Chief Executive Officer, during the **10a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, 22 February.**

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 13 & 27 February – 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.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 21 February – 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.

LENT COURSE – Tuesday, 24 February, 3, 10 & 17 March – 7p.m. – Zoom. If you would like to attend please contact the Church office in person or via email on office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk. The course will follow the second part of God of Surprises. If you don't have a copy of this book, please do let Rachel know when you contact her.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 4 March – 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, 6 March – 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, 6 March – 2p.m.-4p.m. – THE CRITIC Starring Ian McKellen. A dark and sharp witted thriller set in 1930s London theatreland. Running Time 1hr. 40mins.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 7 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, 17 February – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – Community Connex. All Welcome.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 20 February – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. The talk this month will be on plants by Brian Fisher, Master of Horticulture, Royal Horticultural Society. As well as talking about gardening Brian will also entertain us by telling us about his life giving talks on cruise ships and some of the famous people he has met on board. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.00p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday, 6 March – 10.30a.m. at the Amersham Free Church. All welcome.