



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

15 March, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday.

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m. and Tuesday, 10.30a.m.

Sung Eucharist – Sunday 10.00a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel - Tuesday 9a.m.

The 10a.m. service will be recorded, and then be available after the service on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Hymns for 10a.m.

- 137 For the beauty of the earth
- 318 Lord, thy word abideth
- 227 I come with joy
- 354 Now thank we all our God

Readers

Barbara Gibson
Jenny Baker

Collect

Alternative Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.**

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 Samuel 1.20–28

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

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

Psalm 127.1-4

Response: Children are a heritage from the Lord.

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord keeps the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

Response

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, for he gives his beloved sleep.

Response

Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

Response

Colossians 3.12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

John 19.25b–27

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

EASTER SERVICES 2026

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.



PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON 13, 16 & 17 MARCH.

LENT APPEAL – PROJECT POSSIBLE Please donate to this appeal if you are able to, either via the card machine in the narthex, by filling an envelope and handing it to the office, or via the QR code here.

LENT COURSE – Tuesday, 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 is following the second part of God of Surprises.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 13 & 27 March – 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 March – 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, 2 April – 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, 10 April – 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!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 10 April – 2p.m.-4p.m. – BACK TO BLACK Marisa Abela is sensational as Amy Winehouse. Her voice, her life, her legacy. Running Time: 2hrs.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 2 May – 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, 2 May – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

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

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 17 March – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – In conversation with Duncan Dyason MBE of Street Kids Direct. All Welcome.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 20 March – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. At this meeting we shall hear a talk by Liz Instone, a retired teacher, entitled 'Tales from 40 years of teaching'. Come along and find out how things have changed in the classroom since most of us went to school. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. *It would be wonderful to have members of St. Michael's come and join us again.*

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION'S ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE – Saturday, 25 April

At Christ the Servant King, Booker, High Wycombe, HP12 4TJ – Arrival from 2p.m. for refreshments – 2.30p.m. start
We will give thanks for the unwavering community response to homelessness in our community, celebrate the winter night shelter and the all-year-round work done to prevent and reduce the harm that homelessness does. We will also take time to honour those who have been lost. *You are invited to attend.*