



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
15 September, 2024 – 16th Sunday after Trinity

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

Eucharist & Baptism – Sunday 10.00a.m.

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

The 10a.m. service will be streamed live, and then be available on

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

We will warmly welcome Tom Corrie and Alexandra Glazebrook and their family and friends who are joining us for the baptism of Lyra Corrie, at the 10a.m. Eucharist.

Hymns for 10a.m.

560 Will you come and follow me

CG119 Spirit of truth and grace **(In Notices)**

148 From heaven you came

518 Thy hand, O God, has guided

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 50.4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 116 1-8 Response: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living, the land of the living.

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
 because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took over me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

Response

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord I beg you, deliver my soul.'

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Response

The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me.

Turn again to you rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.

Response

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Response

Spirit of truth and grace – Gradual Hymn

1. Spirit of truth and grace,
come to us in this place
as now in Jesus' name God's people gather.
Open our eyes to see
truths that will ever be,
and in communion draw us close together.

2. Spirit of joy and peace,
make all anxieties cease
with knowledge of the Father's perfect caring.
Then may God's children know
love that won't let us go
and joy that fills each day, beyond comparing.

3. Spirit of love and power,
revive us in this hour
and stir our hearts to praise with true devotion.
Fill us with heavenly fire,
and every heart inspire,
that we may serve the world with your compassion.

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Mark 8.27-end (8.30a.m.)

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.' This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Matthew 19.13-22 (10a.m.)

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

Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Then someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother. Also, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "I have kept all these; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

This year's **HARVEST APPEAL CHARITY** is Carers Bucks www.carersbucks.org supporting unpaid carers of all ages and backgrounds and in all caring roles.

Beth Sawyers, Fundraiser at Carers Bucks, will be at the **10a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, 22nd September** to speak about the charity and its work. Please come and support Beth and the charity then. 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.

CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 13 & 27 September – 10.30a.m.-12noon. A drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. The official programme for the forthcoming sessions is: *13 September, Stories and Poems from When We Were Young (with crochet, knit, mend and sew)*; 27 September; a very special Crafty Cuppa session on 27 September will kick off the St. Michael's Day Celebrations. Please tell your friends about our Wet Felt Making and Demonstration with Marjorie Brown. Either watch or make your own! Donation requested of £1.50 per person.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 21 September – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.

Join us with your children/grandchildren for a fun session centered around the story about *feeding the 5000*. 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY CELEBRATIONS – Saturday, 28 September

The whole community are invited to join us in festivities to celebrate St. Michael's Day. Please come and join in!

"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 4 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 to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too!

WISE CHOICE FILM CLUB – Friday, 4 October – 2p.m.-4p.m. – THE DUKE

Set in 1961. Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren give a heartwarming performance, about the true story of the one and only theft from the National Gallery in London. The portrait of the 'Duke of Wellington.' Running Time 1hr. 35mins.

LEARN TO DANCE MODERN JIVE – Friday, 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.

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.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 2 November – 10.a.m.-1p.m. Come along to SustainableAmersham.org's pop-up Repair Café. where volunteer repairers will help you fix your stuff for free. No appointment required. Free refreshments are available.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 17 September– 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. a talk by the Director of Community Connex.

BIBLE WORKSHOP – St. Mary's Church Rooms, Amersham HP7 0DB – Thursdays from 12 September-31 October – 7.30p.m. Explore some of the key events from Genesis to Revelation and themes such as righteousness, belief and God's faithfulness, with Hope Hour. All Welcome, just turn up.

TALK BY PAULA KITCHING HISTORIAN, RESEARCHER - Saturday 21 September – 2.30p.m. - St Peter & St Paul, Church Lane, HP16 0BA. The talk will be about Ukraine, Russia & European Tensions. Tickets include afternoon Tea. There will also be a raffle & sale of Preserves. Entry: £10 at the door, or tickets from Samways, Station Approach Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church Regd. Charity No: 1067435 Fundraising for £1million+ of urgent building repairs inc. the roof & tower Contact: 01494 891312/ avd@davis.f9.co.uk.

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