



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

16 August, 2026 – 11th Sunday after Trinity

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m., 10.00a.m., and Tuesday, 10.30a.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>

Hymns for 10a.m.

426a Praise to the holiest
371 O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
106 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
138 For the fruits of his creation

Readers:

Christine Leslie
Ann Beattie

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Isaiah 56.1,6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

Psalms 67

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Response

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations I upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Response

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Response

Romans 11.1-2a,29-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

Matthew 15.21-28

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

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly. This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE – 24-26 and 28 & 31 August. During this time emails calls will be monitored, but it may take longer than usual for responses to be given.

We are invited to join Amersham Free Church for their annual picnic on Sunday, 13 September. Details are yet to be confirmed, but usually AFC arrive at Boug's Meadow, run by Prestwood Nature, at just before 1pm. If you are interested in this please, let our church office know.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 14 & 28 August – 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.

AMERSHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION – 25 August, 11.30a.m.-6p.m. and 26-29 August, 10a.m.-6p.m.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 3 September-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.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 5 September – 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, 5 September – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

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

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.

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!

ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS OUTING – Snow White – Elgiva Theatre, Chesham – 12 December at 3p.m. For groups of 20+ with a 15% discount the prices would be: Full Price £23.17, 60+/Disabled/Student £22.32, U16 £19.77. If we don't reach this minimum number then 15% will be added to this price. We have accessible seats reserved until the end of September, so if you would like to attend please contact Rachel via the church office on office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk.

Activities and Events Beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Tuesday, 18 August – 12 noon, including at 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – Community Connex. All welcome.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 18 September - Awaiting information about the speaker – 12.15p.m. – As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15p.m.-12.30p.m. with the talk starting at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water are provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speaker. *Members of St. Michael's are very welcome.*