



17 July, 2022

5th Sunday after Trinity

Said Eucharists– Sunday 8.30am. and Tuesday 10.30am.

10.00am. Sung Eucharist

9.00am. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

The 10.00am. service will be live-streamed, and then available on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-KJtHzLo0w2CM6RQI_50yg

Introit (sung by the choir) I will enter his gates

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Genesis 18.1–10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

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

Psalm 15

Response: O Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing that is right;

Response

Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue;

Who does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour;

Response

In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, but who honours those who fear the Lord.

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that word;

Response

Who does not lend money in hope of gain, nor takes a bribe against the innocent;

Whoever does these things shall never fall.

Response

Colossians 1.15–28

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or

powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10.38–42

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Music during Communion (*sung by the choir*)

Tallis: *If ye love me*

Post Communion Hymn

- 1) Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Chorus: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

- 2) Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Chorus

- 3) Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space:
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Chorus

4) Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Chorus

5) Let us build a house where we all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Chorus

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Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

RESUMPTION OF MORNING PRAYER – Lady Chapel - Tuesday-Thursday – 9.00am.

Morning Prayer, using the Common Worship service book, is re-starting next Tuesday, 19 July.

NAPPY DAYS - North Transept – Wednesday, 20 July– 1.30pm.-3.00pm.

A church-sponsored drop-in group for parents with new babies, offering a cuppa and a chat with other parents.

CRAFTY CUPPA – North Transept – Friday, 22 July – 10.30am. – 11.30am.

A twice monthly drop-in session for everyone, especially those on their own. If you engage in a craft such as knitting or embroidery, bring it with you and enjoy some company while you work. Fancy just a cuppa, or an opportunity to chat? Then come along. You will be very welcome.

By popular demand, Crafty Cuppa is now taking place twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.

“POP IN AND PAINT” – Friday, 05 August – 10.30am. – 12.15pm.

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!

TRAIDCRAFT STALL –Sunday, 14 August, after the 10.00am. service

The monthly Traidcraft stall has returned to its former place in the North Transept. A selection of products is available on the day. Special orders should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office, to ensure availability.

SERMONS ON THE WEBSITE

There is now a section of the website, where recent sermons are available to read/download. The link is <https://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/worship/recent-sermons>

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The church is open for private prayer, from 10.00am. to 4.00pm. Mon.-Fri. The Lady Chapel has been set aside as a quiet space. The votive candle stand and the Prayer Tree are in front of the sanctuary.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH BREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 19 July- Midday to 2pm.

Tea, coffee and soup are available throughout. The church is open for quiet reflection and offers a varied programme of music, worship, meditation and speakers between 1.10pm. and 1.30pm. **This week: Bite-sized service**

TRAIDCRAFT NEWS from Margaret Dykes

CHICK PEAS, LENTILS AND TOORDAL

Fairtrade contributes to sustainable development for certified producers by enabling fairer trading conditions, social change and environmental protection. The chick peas are 100% fair trade. They are Fairtrade certified, traded, audited and sourced from Fairtrade producers. To fulfil the need for oilseeds and lentils along with other pulses, Nature Bio-Foods established organic farming projects at Otapurwa and Kadwara in Madhya Pradesh in central India. Since this region is in a drought-affected area, the whole district faces a water crisis for farming and potable drinking water. Farmers adapted accordingly and are cultivating crops which require lesser irrigation. During the monsoon season farmers get one or two rains and then the rest of the irrigation they pump from the wells, which have also been increased by the monsoon. For drinking water, Nature-Bio Foods have installed community water filters in two villages and there are plans to provide household water filters throughout the entire project. Buying the chick peas, lentils and toordal will speed these projects up and help the wider population. The 500g packets cost £2.60.

RECENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Hope Consultants International, <http://www.hopeconsultants.org/HCI/Home.html> based in High Wycombe, are looking to recruit an Administrator to work full time. The organisation serves a global network of Christian teams, charities and NGOs by providing field supervision, consulting, coaching and training, logistical and support services, and crisis management. For more information, and a recruitment pack, please contact charris@hopeconsultants.org Closing date: 12 noon, Friday, 29th July 2022.

MESSAGE FROM BUCKS CC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM REGARDING COVID BOOSTERS

If you are housebound and you need your 4th COVID vaccine (sometimes called the Spring Booster), you can now have this dose at home. The Patient Advice Liaison Service (PALS) can book your appointment and let the vaccination team at Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust know when to visit you. (If you are a carer, friend, or family member of someone housebound, please share this information with them.)

Contact PALS: phone: 0800 328 5640 or email: buckscggs@nhs.net

PALS will ensure you have all the information you need and answer any questions or concerns.

More information can be found here: <https://www.buckinghamshireccg.nhs.uk/public/your-services/feeling-unwell/covid-19-vaccination-programme/local-covid-19-vaccination-updates/>

FROM THAMES VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, THE GET SAFE ONLINE TEAM

Introducing Check A Website

Get Safe Online has partnered with Cifas, the UK's leading fraud prevention service, to launch 'Check a Website'. 'Check a Website' is a new, easy-to-use online tool which helps determine whether a website is likely to be legitimate or a scam before you visit it. It is hoped to prevent thousands of people in the UK falling victim to unwanted online scams every year. To use, simply type in the address of the website you want to check, and your results will appear within seconds. To try it out simply visit

www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite/