

St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

17 May, 2026 - 7th Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day



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

Sung Eucharist – Sunday, 10.00a.m.

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

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

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

Hymns for 10a.m.

103a Crown him with many crowns

SHS 10 When Christ was lifted from the earth

309 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

13 All hail the power of Jesus' name

Readers:

Andy Connor

Nichola O'Farrell

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 1.6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68. 1-10

Response: Our God is a God of salvation.

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those that hate him flee before him.

As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; as wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

Response

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them make merry with gladness.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds.

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

Response

Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.

Response

Response: Our God is a God of salvation.

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,
The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Response

You sent down a gracious rain, O God; you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
Your people came to dwell there; in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

Response

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gradual Hymn – When Christ was lifted from the earth

1. When Christ was lifted from the earth,
his hands stretched out above,
to every culture, every birth,
to draw an answering love.

2. Still east and west his love extends,
and always, near or far,
he calls and claims us as his friends
and loves us as we are.

3. Thus freely loved, though fully known,
may I in Christ be free
to welcome and accept his own
as Christ accepted me.

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John 17.1-11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

RIP ANN APPELBOOM. Ann Appelboom's funeral will be on Thursday, May 28th. at 11 am. at St. Michael's. All are invited to attend.

GIVING TO THE CHURCH – If you are a tax payer and are considering putting cash in the offertory plate, please consider using a Gift Aid envelope, available from one of the welcomers. We can claim an additional 25p for every pound donated in this way.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 16 May – 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.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 22 May – 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.

BUCKS ARTS WEEK – SIMPATICO – 5-20 June – Monday-Friday 10a.m.-5p.m., Saturday 10a.m.-6p.m. & Sunday 12 noon-6p.m. Jenny Thompson, Liz Grammenos, Madeleine Fletcher & Barbara Spruytenburg, of Simpatico, invite you to come along and enjoy their joyous exhibition.

POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 5 June – This will not run in June as the Bucks Arts Week will be on. Please come and visit!

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 4 June – 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.

VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY – Sunday, 7 June 2026 – to celebrate Revd. Debbie's 10thth year of being here at St. Michael's and her 20th year of ordination. Please let the office know if you will be attending.

FAIRTRADE – Sunday, 14 June – The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATION DAY – 20 June – Come and join the fun from 10a.m.-2p.m. or let the office know if you would like to get involved.

FR. PETER'S 50th YEAR OF ORDINATION – We will celebrate this on 28 June with special refreshments after the 10a.m. service. **Please let the office know if you will be attending.**

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 4 July – 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, 4 July – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 19 May – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – Favourite Hymns! All Welcome.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 15 May – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Peter Healy will be giving a talk on 'The life of Edward Watkin, a great Victorian.' Sir Edward Watkin was a British MP and railway entrepreneur who expanded the Metropolitan Railway into Buckinghamshire, establishing Amersham Station in 1892. He also tried to dig a Channel Tunnel and build a rival to the Eiffel Tower in Wembley. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.00pm. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. *Members of St. Michael's very welcome.*