



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

18 January, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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

COTHA United Service – Sunday 10.30a.m. at Amersham Free Church

There will be no 10a.m. Service at St Michael's

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

Collect

Almighty God, In Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 49.1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. The LORD says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

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

Psalm 40.1-12

Response: Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and I heard my cry.
He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.

Response

He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.

Response

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your designs for us!
There is none that can be compared with you.

If I were to proclaim them and tell of them they would be more than I am able to express.

Response

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire but my ears you have opened;
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; then said I: 'Lo, I come.'

Response

In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, O my God;
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'

Response

I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips,
and that, O Lord, you know.

Response

Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth from the great congregation.
Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord; let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me.

Response

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

John 1.29-42

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

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

COTHA United Service – Sunday, 18 January – 10.30a.m. at Amersham Free Church. During the service the covenant between St. Michael's and the Amersham Free Church will be renewed. Please do come along. All are welcome.

RIP. JEAN REEVE. All are welcome to attend Jean's funeral on Friday, 16 January at 2.30p.m. at The Hampden Chapel, Chilterns crematorium.

SURVEY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BISHOP OF OXFORD, following Bishop Steven's retirement announcement.

A Statement of Needs that will set out information about the Diocese, including its hopes and challenges, and what people believe is important to them in a new Bishop, is being created. If you would like your voice heard, please follow the link:

[https://oxford.anglican.org/consultation?utm_source=Diocese+of+Oxford+Mailing+Lists&utm_campaign=214ac424ee-EMAIL CAMPAIGN 2026 01 06 01 14&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_214ac424ee-339849597](https://oxford.anglican.org/consultation?utm_source=Diocese+of+Oxford+Mailing+Lists&utm_campaign=214ac424ee-EMAIL%20CAMPAIGN%202026%2001%2006%2001%2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_214ac424ee-339849597)

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 17 January – 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 –23 January & February – 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.

One of the local Policy Community Support team, Emma, is planning to come along to the session on 23 January, to talk to anyone who wants about personal security etc. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 5 February – 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, 6 February –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 watch the proceedings!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 6 February – 2p.m.-4p.m. – THE LAST BUS Starring Timothy Spall and Phyllis Logan. From John O'Groats to Lands End Tom (Timothy Spall) is about to make a journey of a life time, one bus at a time, using his bus pass. Running Time: 1hr. 20mins.

FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 8 February. The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 3 March – 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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 20 January – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. Organ Recital. All Welcome.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 16 January – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Mark Lawson, from local company Two Spoons Tea Ltd, has travelled throughout the world tasting, buying and blending tea. He will relate 'The Story of Tea from Bush to Cup'. This lively and informative talk will include a tasting and plenty of opportunity to quench our thirst for tea knowledge! 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. *It would be wonderful to have members from St. Michael's come and join us.*