



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

18 May, 2025 – 5th Sunday of Easter & APCM

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

APCM followed by a short Eucharist – 10a.m.

The APCM may be attended by anyone on the electoral roll

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, - Tuesday, 9a.m.

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 11.1-18 (8.30a.m.)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

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

Psalm 148 1-6: Response: Praise the Lord from the heavens and praise him in the heights.

Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.

Response

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Response

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created.

He made them fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Response

John 13.31-35 (8.30a.m. & 10a.m.)

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

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new

commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’
This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Activities and Events at St. Michael & All Angels

The office will be closed from 20-27 May. During this time phone messages and emails will be monitored but responses may take a little longer than usual.

There will be no Tuesday Eucharist on 27 May as it's transferred to 10.30a.m. on Ascension Day, 29 May.

LENT AND HARVEST APPEALS 2025. We are pleased to say that the Lent Appeal at St Michael's this year raised £1,826 for the "Friends of St. Anne's Hospital" in Liuli, Tanzania, including gift aid.

Our next Appeal will be at Harvest time when we will be supporting the "Karibuni Children", an educational charity in Kenya, which is run locally.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – The second and fourth Friday of each month. Friday, 23 May – 10.30a.m.-12noon. A Crafty Cuppa is a drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. Please 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. We look forward to seeing you.

MESSY CHURCH – The third Saturday of each month (except August) Saturday, 17 May – 11.30a.m.-1p.m. Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by a story or discussion, and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – Sunday, 18 May - 10.00a.m. The APCM will take place on Sunday, 18 May at 10a.m. in church, followed by a short Holy Communion Service. Attendance at the APCM is limited to those on the electoral roll of the parish. The agenda and other papers relating to the meeting will be circulated to those on the roll. The meeting agenda includes elections for vacancies on the PCC.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – The first Thursday of each month. Thursday, 5 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. Sharing experiences can be such a positive support in our cancer journeys.

“POP IN AND PAINT” – The first Friday of each month. 6 June – 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!

FAIRTRADE STALL – The second Sunday of each month. Sunday, 8 June. The stall will be in the North Transept, with a variety of goods, after the 10a.m. service.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 20 & 27 May – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. on 20 May Great Sacred Music, and on 27 May a Bite Sixed Service with The Revd. Erna Stevenson.

FRIDAY LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 16 May – from 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Alison Bailey from Amersham Museum will talk on 'Arts & Crafts style - Amersham' Bring a packed lunch. The talk starts at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. All very welcome.

AMCHOR with Aylesbury Festival Chorus Summer Concert – Saturday, 17 May, 7.30pm. – St. Mary's Church, Church St, Old Amersham. John Rutter: Requiem & Magnificat; Peter Warlock: Capriol. Soprano: Caroline Bourg; The British Sinfonietta; Ben Giddens (Organ). Conductor: Nick Austin. Tickets £20/£10 students, under 16s free, available from Perfect Pitch, Chesham, The Record Shop, Amersham or www.wegotickets.com/amchor; box office 07748 154089. See www.amchor.com for further information.

WENDOVER ARTS FESTIVAL – 24-26 May 2025 – St. Mary's Church, Wendover HP22 6NL – Exhibition & sale of art, paintings, prints, textiles, photographs, sculpture, pottery and glass. Over 70 artists exhibiting. Lunches, teas and raffle available. Admission: Adults £2, children (under 16) free. For more information please visit www.wendover-arts-festival.co.uk.