



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

19 July, 2026 – 7th 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.

50 Awake my soul, and with the sun (1-5)

214a Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

365 O God of earth and altar

50 Awake my soul (5-8)

Readers:

Claire O'Beirne & Nichola O'Farrell

Collect

Alternative Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.**

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Wisdom 12.13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is not any god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

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

Psalm 86.11-end

Response: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;

knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.

Response

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name for evermore;

For great is your steadfast love towards me,

for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

Response

O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek after my life;

they have not set you before their eyes.

But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

Response

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a token of your favour, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;

because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

Response

Romans 8.12-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’ Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!’

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

Post Communion Hymn

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

RIP Shirley Griffiths, who died peacefully on Monday 13 July with her children around her. The family have chosen not to have a funeral but her ashes will be interred in Amersham in due course.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 18 July – 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, 24 July & 14 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.

POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 7 August – 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!

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.

SUMMER MUSIC COURSES 2026 – St. Michael's Church Hall – for details, please see the community notice board.

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.

Activities and Events Beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 17 July – 12.15p.m. – At our next meeting Dr. Rebecca Eliahoo will give a talk: 'Overpaid and over here - Romans and the gift of Latin'. 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.*

LUNCHBREAK – Tuesday, 21 July – 12 noon, including at 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – Gillie Billies in Recital. *All welcome.*