



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
19 October, 2025 – 18th Sunday after Trinity

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 10.00a.m. service is recorded, then available later on
St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Hymns for 10a.m.

10 All for Jesus
 53 Be still. for the presence of the Lord
 522 To God be the glory
 142 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

Readers:

Ann Beattie and Barbara

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Genesis 32.22-31

A reading from the book of Genesis.

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

Psalms 121 Response: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Response

He will not suffer your foot to stumble; he who watches over you will not sleep.
 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Response

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, neither the moon by night.

Response

The Lord shall keep you from all evil; it is he who shall keep your soul.
 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Response

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

Luke 18.1-8

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?' This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Amen.

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

PHILIP RODERICK'S FUNERAL – A recording is available for Philip Roderick's funeral, please contact the office if you would like details.

You are invited to a **special ALL SOULS SERVICE at St. Michael's on Sunday, 2nd November at 4.00p.m.**, during which we shall gather to remember with prayer and thanksgiving loved ones who have died. During the service there will be an opportunity to have names read out and to light a candle in their memory. If you are unable to be at St. Michael's, but would like us to read out the name of anyone you wish to remember and light a candle on your behalf, please do let the Parish Office know. As usual, everyone is welcome to attend this service, whether or not you attend St. Michael's.

LEAVES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - At the Gathered Round service in September the congregation was invited to colour a leaf and write a message on the back explaining a situation where they felt guided or supported by the Holy Spirit. Everyone is welcome to pick up a sheet with leaves on it to colour in, write on and cut out, and return to the church office to be stuck on the picture on the notice board in the Narthex. The sheets can be found on the desk by the stairs to the office.

HELPERS REQUIRED FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL PLEASE - Contact Kiki on kiki@akipl.com

Mon 24 Nov - morning, or afternoon - tbc. Setting up the Trees in the Church

Wed 26 Nov - morning. Being on hand to help the Groups coming in to decorate

Sat 29 Nov - sessions between 9.30 & 4.30. Helping at the Christmas Fayre

Sat 06 Dec - sessions between 9.30 & 4.30. Helping at 'Choirs, Coffee & Cake'

Fri 02 Jan - morning. Happy New Year! Clearing away the Christmas Trees

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES will be open in the South Transept every Monday-Saturday, from 10a.m.-4p.m. (except 18 October, 15 November and 20 December, when they will open from 1.30p.m.-4p.m.) and Sundays from 11.30a.m./12noon-4p.m.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 18 October – 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.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 24 October – 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.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 1 November – 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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 6 November – 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, 7 November – 10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. Join 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, 7 November – 2p.m.-4p.m – in The Wheeler Room – GREEN FINGERS, Starring Clive Owen and Helen Mirren. Based on a true story, Colin Briggs (Clive Owen) is serving a sentence for murder. After being transferred to an open prison in the heart of the Cotswolds, life takes on a whole new meaning. 1hr. 26mins.

FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 9 November. The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

TOY SWAP – Saturday, 15 November – 10a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Run by Sustainable Amersham. All Welcome.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesdays – 12noon-2p.m. Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and on 21 October, from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m., Great Sacred Music.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 17 October – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. CANCELLED