



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
20 October, 2024 – 21st 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.

Hymns for 10a.m.

293 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
 124 Father of heaven, whose love profound
 464a Take my life, and let it be
 205 He who would valiant be

Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 53.4-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Psalm 91 9-end

Response: You are my God in whom I trust.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold,
 there shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent.

Response

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
 They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Response

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; I will lift them up, because they know my name.

Response

They will call upon me and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble,
 I will deliver them and bring them to honour. With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Response

Hebrews 5.1-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Mark 10. 35-45

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

Sadly, after more than 10 years of service to St. Michael's Church, at the end of the year Hazel Miller will be stepping down from her role as Administrator. If you are aware of someone, who may be interested in applying for this role please draw their attention to the community noticeboard outside St. Michael's, where the role is advertised, or ask them to contact the Church Office, so details can be sent via email.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – REQUEST FOR HELP Kiki would love to hear from anyone willing to help with the various tasks that need volunteers to make this event successful, raising desperately needed funds for Wycombe Homeless Connection. If you can help, please email kiki@akipl. Help is needed on Tuesday, 26 November—11a.m.-1p.m. setting up trees; Wednesday, 27 November—10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. serving coffee or being on hand to assist the Groups decorating; Saturday, 30 November—sometime between 10a.m. and 4.30p.m. welcoming in the Narthex at the Christmas Fayre; Saturday, 7 December—sometime between approx. 9.45a.m. and 3p.m. at the 'Choirs, Coffee and Cake' event, welcoming in the Narthex, collecting donations, or serving refreshments, and Thursday, 2 January—10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. clearing away the trees. In addition, we are looking for help with: publicity, photography, and sponsorship.

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES will be open every Monday-Saturday, from 10am-4pm, until 21 December, in the South Transept.

LEARN TO DANCE MODERN JIVE – Every Friday from 4 October-22 November – 7.30p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall (n.b. Friday 25 October will be in the North Transept). Come and learn to dance for FREE! Just turn up. Donations to St. Michael's welcome.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 19 October – 11.30a.m.-1p.m. Join us with your children/grandchildren for a fun session centered around the theme, 'The light of Christ', and based on Luke 11.33. Fun activities will be followed by a story or discussion, and a light lunch. This session is offered for free, but donations to cover costs are gratefully received.

CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 25 October & 8 November – 10.30a.m.-12noon. 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.

WISE CHOICE FILM CLUB – Friday, 1 November – 2p.m.-4p.m. – SORRY WE MISSED YOU - A film from Ken Loach. A powerful exploration of the contemporary world of work. The challenges faced by one family trying to hold it all together. Running Time 1hr. 37mins.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 2 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.

"POP IN AND PAINT" – CHANGE OF DATE: Friday, 8 November – 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 to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too!

FAIR TRADE STALL – Sunday, 10 November – After the 10a.m. Eucharist. The stall regularly offers a range of groceries and seasonal items, with other lines on request. Please come to the stall and support Fair Trade.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 15 October– 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. a talk: *That was the year 1924.*