



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
20 September 2026 – 16th 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 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.

158a Glorious things of thee are spoken
152 Gather around, for the table is spread
242 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
188 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Readers:

Hazel Miller
Nichola O'Farrell

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jonah 3.10-end of 4

A reading from the book Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

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

Psalms 145.1-8

Response. I will bless you and praise you, for ever, O God my King.

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out.

Response

One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts.

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Response

They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness.

They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Response

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long suffering, and of great kindness.

Response

Philippians 1.21-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Matthew 20.1-16

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL 2026 – The foodbank have asked for donations of tinned ham, tinned minced beef, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, jam, tinned tomatoes and small jars of instant coffee. Could you please bring donations to St. Michael's so that they can be collected together and given to the Foodbank after our Harvest Service, which will take place on the second Sunday of October.

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM – we are seeking someone who would like to learn to run the sound system at St. Michael's as part of a team. Please let the church office know if you or someone you know could be interested in this role.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 19 September – 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.

COUNTRY MARKETS IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL – Saturday, 19 September – 10a.m.-1p.m. Start your Christmas shopping and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee at this new craft market.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 25 September – 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. *If you would like to make poppies for Remembrance Sunday, have wool that can be used for this purpose, or you need a pattern, please come along or contact the church office.*

PATRONAL – Sunday, 27 September. The caterers who prepared food for Fr. Peter's do have been asked to provide a light lunch after the 10a.m. service. Please contact the church office to say if you will be attending so the correct amount of food can be ordered. Also, if you would like to make a financial contribution towards the cost of the lunch your donation would be very much appreciated.

POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 2 October – 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!

HARVEST FISH AND CHIPS AND QUIZ NIGHT AT ST. MICHAEL'S – Friday, 9 October 2026 – 7pm. If you're interested please contact the church office. More details regarding meal choices and cost will follow.

FAIRTRADE – Sunday, 11 October– The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 7 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. In addition to their usual wide range of repairs, they are now also offering technical advice: mobile phones, laptops and tablets. Bookable bike maintenance slots are also available; details on the noticeboard. No appointment required. Free refreshments. The repair café is on the first Saturday of every second month.

RED KITE CRAFT MARKET – Saturday, 7 November – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and more.

ADVENT COURSE – This will start a week before Advent. Times and dates will be confirmed shortly. If you would like to join the course, please contact the office and request a copy of *Walking with Angels*, by Eleanor Sanderson. A voluntary donation of £10 to cover the cost of the book would be welcome.

SNOW WHITE AT THE ELGIVA – 12 December – 3p.m. – Would you, your family and friends, like to join us for an outing to the panto this Christmas? If you are interested, please let the church office know as soon as possible. We have reserved 30 accessible seats until the end of September. If you can't drive, when contacting the office, please let us know that you will need transport. Providing at least 20 people book, we will receive a discount. The full price and discounted prices are shown below:

Full Price £27.00 (£23.17 if discount is applied)

60+/Disabled/Student £26.00 (£22.32 if discount is applied)

U16 £23.00 (£19.77 if discount is applied)

(if we don't reach that minimum number the full cost will be applied)

Activities and Events Beyond St. Michael's -----

LUNCHBREAK – Tuesday, 22 September – 12 noon, including at 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – a short talk, music or a Bite Sized Service. *All welcome.*

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 18 September - 12.15p.m. – From this month's meeting on 18 September a ready meal hot lunch will be provided. It will be cottage pie, lasagne or something similar followed by a dessert such as apple pie. The food will be served from 12:15pm, followed by a talk at 1pm. Tea/coffee/water are provided. Duncan Kelly will talk on 'The True Cross of Caravaca de la Cruz in Murcia province in Spain, and how cosmic rays would help tell if it's an authentic relic'. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speaker. *Members of St. Michael's are very welcome.*