



**St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
21 July, 2024 – 8th Sunday after Trinity**

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m. and Tuesday, 10.30a.m.
Sung Eucharist, Including a Baptism – 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>

WELCOME to CASSIUS STONE, who will be baptised during the 10a.m. service on Sunday, 21 July 2024.

Hymns for 10a.m.

76 Christ is made the sure foundation
CG117 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind (see below)
490a The Lord's my shepherd
518 Thy hand, O God, has guided

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Jeremiah 23.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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

Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **Response**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Response

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Response

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Response

Gradual Hymn: CG117 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind (PIN)

Refrain Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,

*gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.*

1. You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.
2. Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power,
we need your strength,
following Christ each day.

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Mark 6,30-34, 53-end

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

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Matthew 3.13–17 (10a.m.)

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Amen.

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

Diane and Martin would like to welcome you to a SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF THEIR MOTHER, JOYCE RUTTER, on Saturday, 10th August 2024 at 1pm. at the United Reformed Church, The Broadway, Chesham, HP5 1BX, followed by a buffet lunch in the church hall. They hope you can join them. Please pass the invitation on to others who knew her. If you can let them know you're coming, it will help them with numbers for catering. Text Diane: 07734 506632 or email: rutterdiane@gmail.com. **Donations in her memory** can be made to The Migraine Trust via: www.justgiving.com/page/diane-rutter-1719909632598 or tinyurl.com/3bt297um

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 July – 11.30a.m.-1p.m. This is a fun, informal activity for all the family, combining creative activities and biblical teaching, followed by lunch. All welcome. No need to book. Just turn up.

CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 28 July & 9 August – 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.

“POP IN AND PAINT” – Friday, 2 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 to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too!

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 7 September – 10.a.m.-1p.m. Come along to SustainableAmersham.org's pop-up Repair Café. where volunteer repairers will help you fix your stuff for free. No appointment required. Free refreshments are available.

FAIR TRADE STALL – Sunday, 8 September – 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY CELEBRATIONS – Saturday, 28 September

The whole community are invited to join us in festivities to celebrate St. Michael's Day. Much is still at the planning stage, but so far we have invited the groups who regularly hire the hall and facilities to come along and ideally showcase their talents and specific interests. If you lead groups within St. Michael's please chat with me about how you think it would be best to include your activities in our celebration event. Together we can then build a programme for the day. Neil: neiljlynch@hotmail.com

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 23 July – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. *Chess Valley Singing for Pleasure* in recital.