



***St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England***  
**21 September 2025 – Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

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.**

SHS5 God is here; as we his people **SHS**

63 Blest are the pure in heart

SHS3 There's a spirit in the air **SHS**

243 Immortal love, for ever full

**Readers:**

Roland Gillott  
and Ann Beattie

**Processional Hymn – God is here, as we his people**

1. God is here; as we his people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of his Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font and pulpit,  
here the cross has central place;  
here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence as in speech,  
here in newness and renewal  
God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel,  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive.  
We, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you, we believe.

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**Collect**

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Proverbs 3.13-18**

*A reading from the book of Proverbs.*

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

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

## Psalm 119.65-72

**Response: Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.**

You have dealt graciously with your servant, according to your word, O Lord.

O teach me true understanding and knowledge, for I have trusted in your commandments

**Response**

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

You are gracious and do good; O Lord, teach me your statutes.

**Response**

The proud have smeared me with lies, but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart has become gross with fat, but my delight is in your law.

**Response**

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn your statutes.

The law of your mouth is dearer to me than a hoard of gold and silver.

**Response**

## 2 Corinthians 4.1-6

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

## Matthew 9.9-13

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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

## Offertory Hymn: There's a Spirit in the Air

1) There's a spirit in the air,

telling Christians everywhere:

*Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.*

2) Lose your shyness, find your tongue,

tell the world what God has done:

*God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today*

3) When believers break the bread,

when a hungry child is fed,

*praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.*

4) Still his Spirit leads the fight,

seeing wrong and setting right:

*God in Christ has come to stay;  
we can see his power today.*

5) When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,

*praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.*

6) May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts & change our ways.

*God in Christ has come to stay.  
we can see his power today.*

7) There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:

*'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.*

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## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**RIP Sybil Whitfield.** Sybil's funeral will be on Thursday, 25 September, at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

**CAN YOU HELP WITH GARDENING & SWEEPING?** Please could anyone who would like to help has some time for gardening contact Sue Eames [sue@eamesgb.co.uk](mailto:sue@eamesgb.co.uk) to join her group who look after our small Quiet Garden?

Similarly, could anyone help sweep the autumn leaves from the forecourt? If so, please join Andy Connor [andrew@akipl.com](mailto:andrew@akipl.com) whenever possible at 10.30am on Friday mornings from now on until the leaves are gone. Brooms and blower provided.

**MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 September – 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 – Friday, 26 September – 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.

**WINTER CLOTHES FOR THE HOMELESS – Saturday, 27 September – 9a.m.-5p.m.** A group will be in the Hall collecting and packing up winter clothes for the homeless, which will be distributed in Central London. If you have any items you would like to donate to help their efforts, please either leave them in the Church office (if you can't make it on Saturday) or take them to the hall on 27 September.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 2 October – 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, 3 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 watch the proceedings!

**WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 3 October – 2p.m.-4p.m – in The Wheeler Room – MR HOLMES:** Academy award nominee Ian McKellen, takes on the iconic role of Detective Sherlock Holmes. Running Time: 1hr. 40mins.

**ST. MICHAEL'S DAY CELEBRATIONS – Saturday, 4 October – 10a.m.-2p.m.** Come along celebrate the wealth of diverse activities that St. Michael's has to offer to those within the church and the wider community. It promises to be FUN!

**FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 12 October.** The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

**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.

### ***Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's***

**RIP Philip Roderick.** The funeral will take place at 11.15a.m. on Friday, 3 October at St. Barnabas Church, 88 Sackville Road, Hove BN3 3HE, followed by a reception at 2p.m. (Venue TBC, in Hove). The family would welcome as many people to attend as possible. Please RSVP. to [sarah@quietgarden.org](mailto:sarah@quietgarden.org).

**LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesdays – 12noon-2p.m.** - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and on 23 September, from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. Great Sacred Music.

**LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 19 September – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church.** Bring a packed lunch. A talk about 'Conservation Projects in Africa' will be given at 1p.m. by Peter Burdin, who has worked extensively for the BBC. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. All very welcome.

**BIBLE TEACHING DAY – Saturday 11 October – 10a.m.-3p.m.** The Amersham Free Church have invited us to join them for their upcoming annual. The session, 'Reading and Singing God's Word', will be led by retired United Reformed Church Minister, The Revd. Dr John Miller Campbell. More details can be found from Sunday on the poster on the noticeboard outside the church.