



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
22 September, 2024 – 17th 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>

We welcome Beth Sawyers, from Carers Bucks, to the 10am service to speak about the charity and its work. The Harvest Appeal will continue until our Harvest Festival on 13 October.

Hymns for 10a.m.

489 The Lord will come and not be slow

66 Bread is blessed and broken

426 Praise to the Holiest

242 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Collect

Alternative Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.**

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Wisdom of Solomon 1.16 – 2.1, 12–22

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.' Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls; For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 54

Response: I will praise your name for it is gracious.

Save me, O God, by your name and vindicate me by your power.

Heed my prayer, O God; give heed to the words of my mouth

Response

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless seek after my life; they have not set God before them.

Response

Behold, God is my helper; it the Lord who upholds my life;

May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; destroy them in your faithfulness.

Response

An offering of a free heart will I give you and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.

For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies. **Response.**

James 3.13 – 4.3, 7–8a

A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

Mark 9.30–37

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

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

This year's **HARVEST APPEAL CHARITY** is Carers Bucks www.carersbucks.org supporting unpaid carers of all ages and backgrounds and in all caring roles. The Harvest Appeal will continue to our Harvest Festival on 13 October. Donations can be made by filling an envelope or by using the card reader in the Narthex.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 21 September – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.

Join us with your children/grandchildren for a fun session centered around the story about *feeding the 5000*. 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, 27 September – 10.30a.m.-12noon. This is a very special Crafty Cuppa session as it will kick off the St. Michael's Day Celebrations. Do tell your friends about our Wet Felt Making and Demonstration with Marjorie Brown and come along to either watch or make your own! A donation of £1.50 is requested per person. Please leave a message with the office if you would like to take part in wet felting as there are only 16 spaces available.

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY CELEBRATIONS – Saturday, 28 September – 10a.m.-2p.m.

The whole community are invited to join us in festivities to celebrate St. Michael's Day. Please come and join in!

"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 4 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 to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too!

WISE CHOICE FILM CLUB – Friday, 4 October – 2p.m.-4p.m. – THE DUKE

Set in 1961. Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren give a heartwarming performance about the true story of the one and only theft from the National Gallery in London, the portrait of the 'Duke of Wellington.' Running Time 1hr. 35mins.

LEARN TO DANCE MODERN JIVE – Friday, 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.

FAIR TRADE STALL – Sunday, 13 October – 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.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 2 November – 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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 24 September– 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 Bite Sized Service.

BIBLE WORKSHOP – St. Mary's Church Rooms, Amersham HP7 0DB – Thursdays from 12 September-31 October – 7.30p.m. Explore some of the key events from Genesis to Revelation and themes such as righteousness, belief and God's faithfulness, with Hope Hour. All Welcome, just turn up.

TALK BY PAULA KITCHING HISTORIAN, RESEARCHER - Saturday 21 September – 2.30p.m. - St Peter & St Paul, Church Lane, Great Missenden, HP16 0BA. The talk will be about Ukraine, Russia & European Tensions. Tickets include afternoon Tea. There will also be a raffle & sale of Preserves. Entry: £10 at the door, or tickets from Samways, Station Approach Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church Regd. Charity No: 1067435 Fundraising for £1million+ of urgent building repairs inc. the roof & tower Contact: 01494 891312/ avd@davis.f9.co.uk.

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