St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England 23 June, 2024 – 4th Sunday after Trinity

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m., and Tuesday, 10.30a.m. Sung Eucharist – Sunday, 10a.m. Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel – Tuesday, 9.00a.m.

Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.00a.m. service. Please stay for a chat with other members of the congregation if you can.

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.

282 Jesus, where'er thy people meet 266 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult 106 Dear Lord and Father of mankind 114 Eternal Father, strong to save

Collect Alternative Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Job 38.1-11

A reading from the book of Job.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? – when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?' For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107.1-3, 23-32

Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his steadfast love endures for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy, And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Response

Those who go down to the sea in ships and ply their trade in great waters,

These have seen the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.

For at his word the stormy wind arose and lifted up the waves of the sea.

Response

They were carried up to the heavens and down again to the deep; their soul melted away in their peril. They reeled and staggered like a drunkard and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.

He made the storm be still and the waves of the sea were calmed.

Response

Then were they glad because they were at rest, and he brought them to the haven they desired. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children. Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

2 Corinthians 6.1-13

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

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

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

Mark 4.35-end

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

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

SIMPATICO EXHIBITION (Part of Bucks Art Weeks) – daily from Saturday, 8 June – Sunday, 23 June. Pop along and enjoy the exhibition, weekdays, 10a.m.-5p.m., Saturdays, 10a.m.-6p.m., Sundays, noon-6p.m.

OUR HOME - REFUGEE WEEK EVENT - St. Michael's Square - Saturday 22nd June 10.00a.m. - 2p.m.

A day of Music, Refreshments, Dancing and Stories from people from around the world who have made Amersham their home.

CRAFTY CUPPA - Friday, 28 June & 12 July - 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, 5 July - 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, 6 July – 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, 14 July - 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.

MESSY CHURCH - Saturday, 20 July - 11.30a.m.-1p.m.

The third Saturday each month. 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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

ST. ANDREW'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL - 21-22 June

Join us in Great Missenden for the St. Andrew's Literature Festival! Listen to captivating stories and wisdom from some of the UK's best loved Christian authors, right on your doorstep. Find out more - https://stalitfest.co.uk/"

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 25 June – 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.