

St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England 24 August, 2025 – Bartholomew the Apostle

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m., 10.00a.m., and Tuesday, 10.30a.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

Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.00a.m. service. Please stay if you can.

Hymns for 10a.m.

555 Who are these like stars appearing 94 Come let us join our cheerful songs 174 God of grace and God of glory 220 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Readers:

Hazel and Roger

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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.**

Isaiah 43.8-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no saviour. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it? For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145.1-7

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

Acts 5.12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 22.24-30

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

A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.' This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 4 September – 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, 5 September – 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!

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 6 September – 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.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 12 & 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.

FAIRTRADE STALL - Sunday, 14 September. The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesdays – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. **Great Sacred Music on 26 August.**

LUNCH FORUM – **Friday, 19 September** – **from 12.15p.m.** – **Amersham Free Church**. Bring a packed lunch. A talk starts at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. All very welcome.