



24 July, 2022

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Said Eucharists – Sunday 8.30am. and 10.00am. Tuesday 10.30am.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel - Tuesday 9.00am

*The 10.00am. service will be live-streamed, and then available on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-KJtHzLo0w2CM6RQI\\_50yg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-KJtHzLo0w2CM6RQI_50yg)*

**Collect**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.**

**Alternative Collect**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Genesis 18:20–32**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again Abraham spoke to the LORD, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.' For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

**Colossians 2:6–15,**

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the

record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

### **Luke 11:1–13**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's***

#### **RIP PAT WRIGHT**

Sadly, Pat died last Wednesday morning, 20 July. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time. Information about the funeral arrangements will be shared once the arrangements have been made.

#### **RESUMPTION OF MORNING PRAYER – Lady Chapel - Tuesday-Thursday – 9.00am.**

Morning Prayer, using the Common Worship service book, has now re-started. Normally, there will be a service on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays but this week only on Tuesday.

#### **NAPPY DAYS - North Transept – Wednesday, 27 July– 1.30pm.-3.00pm.**

A church-sponsored drop-in group for parents with new babies, offering a cuppa and a chat with other parents.

#### **MUSIC NEXT SUNDAY – 31 July**

This will be the last Sunday before the choir's and organists' summer breaks. As always we will have a special festal feel to the music. As part of the ongoing organ alphabet, V will be for Vaughan Williams. We celebrate the life of Ralph Vaughan Williams, born 150 years ago this year, and through his musical editorship of *The English Hymnal*, the most influential figure in congregational music of the 20th century. We also commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, with two pieces composed specially by Vaughan Williams for her coronation in 1953.

#### **CRAFTY CUPPA – North Transept – Friday, 12 August – 10.30am. – 11.30am.**

A twice monthly drop-in session for everyone, especially those on their own. If you engage in a craft such as knitting or embroidery, bring it with you and enjoy some company while you work. Fancy just a cuppa, or an opportunity to chat? Then come along. You will be very welcome.

By popular demand, Crafty Cuppa is now taking place twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month.

**“POP IN AND PAINT” – Friday, 05 August – 10.30am. – 12.15pm.**

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!

**TRAIDCRAFT STALL –Sunday, 14 August, after the 10.00am. service**

The monthly Traidcraft stall has returned to its former place in the North Transept. A selection of products is available on the day. Special orders should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office, to ensure availability.

**SERMONS ON THE WEBSITE**

There is now a section of the website, where recent sermons are available to read/download. The link is <https://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/worship/recent-sermons>

**CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

The church is open for private prayer, from 10.00am. to 4.00pm. Mon.-Fri. The Lady Chapel has been set aside as a quiet space. The votive candle stand and the Prayer Tree are in front of the sanctuary.

***Activities and Events beyond St. Michael’s***

**LUNCH BREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 26 July- Midday to 2pm.**

Tea, coffee and soup are available throughout. The church is open for quiet reflection and offers a varied programme of music, worship, meditation and speakers between 1.10pm. and 1.30pm. **This week: Bite-sized service**

**TRAIDCRAFT NEWS from Margaret Dykes**

**CHICK PEAS, LENTILS AND TOORDAL**

Fairtrade contributes to sustainable development for certified producers by enabling fairer trading conditions, social change and environmental protection. The chick peas are 100% fair trade. They are Fairtrade certified, traded, audited and sourced from Fairtrade producers. To fulfil the need for oilseeds and lentils along with other pulses, Nature Bio-Foods established organic farming projects at Otapurwa and Kadwara in Madhya Pradesh in central India. Since this region is in a drought-affected area, the whole district faces a water crisis for farming and potable drinking water. Farmers adapted accordingly and are cultivating crops which require less irrigation. During the monsoon season farmers get one or two rains and then the rest of the irrigation they pump from the wells, which have also been increased by the monsoon. For drinking water, Nature-Bio Foods have installed community water filters in two villages and there are plans to provide household water filters throughout the entire project. Buying the chick peas, lentils and toordal will speed these projects up and help the wider population. The 500g packets cost £2.60.

**FROM THAMES VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, THE GET SAFE ONLINE TEAM**

**Introducing Check A Website**

Get Safe Online has partnered with Cifas, the UK’s leading fraud prevention service, to launch ‘Check a Website’. ‘Check a Website’ is a new, easy-to-use online tool which helps determine whether a website is likely to be legitimate or a scam before you visit it. It is hoped to prevent thousands of people in the UK falling victim to unwanted online scams every year. To use, simply type in the address of the website you want to check, and your results will appear within seconds. To try it out, simply visit

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