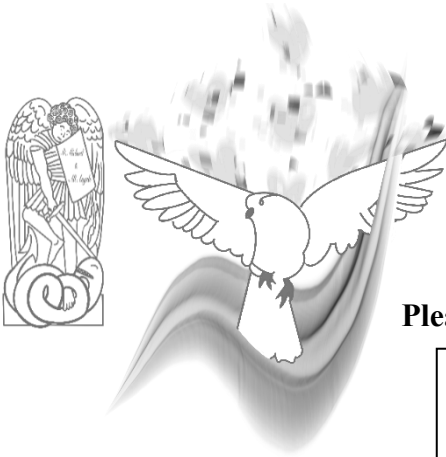


*St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England*

24 May, 2026 – Pentecost



**Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m., 10a.m., and Tuesday, 10.30a.m.**

**Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel – Tuesday, 9a.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.**

**Hymns for 10a.m.**

78 Christ is the world's true light  
69 Breathe on me, breath of God  
356 O breath of life (Spiritus vitae)  
90 Come down, O Love divine

**Readers**

Rachel and Rosie

**Collect**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Alternative Collect**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Acts 2.1-21**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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

**Numbers 11.24-30**

*A reading from the book of Numbers.*

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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

## John 20.19-23

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

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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

### Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**RIP ANN APPELBOOM.** Ann Appelboom's funeral will be on Thursday, May 28th. at 11 am. at St. Michael's. All are invited to attend. Everyone is welcome to stay for refreshments in the North Transept after the service.

Please note that there will be no 10.30a.m. Eucharist on Tuesday 2 June, instead there will be a Eucharist on Thursday, 4 June at 10.30a.m. to celebrate Corpus Christi. Morning Prayer will be at 9a.m. on 2 June as usual.

**GIVING TO THE CHURCH** – If you are a tax payer and are considering putting cash in the offertory plate, please consider using a Gift Aid envelope, available from one of the welcomers. We can claim an additional 25p for every pound donated in this way.

**A CRAFTY CUPPA** – Friday, 22 May – 10.30a.m.-12noon. A Crafty Cuppa is a drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. 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.

**BUCKS ARTS WEEK – SIMPATICO** – 5-20 June – Monday-Friday 10a.m.-5p.m., Saturday 10a.m.-6p.m. & Sunday 12 noon-6p.m. Jenny Thompson, Liz Grammenos, Madeleine Fletcher & Barbara Spruytenburg, of Simpatico, invite you to come along and enjoy their joyous exhibition.

**POP IN AND PAINT** – Friday, 5 June – This will not run in June as the Bucks Arts Week will be on. Please visit us!

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM** – Thursday, 4 June – 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.

**VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY** – Sunday, 7 June 2026 – to celebrate Revd. Debbie's 10th<sup>th</sup>-year of being here at St. Michael's and her 20th year of ordination. Please let the office know if you will be attending.

**FAIRTRADE** – Sunday, 14 June – The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

**ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATION DAY** – 20 June. Come and join the fun from 10a.m.-2p.m. or let the office know if you would like to get involved.

**MESSY CHURCH** – There will be no Messy Church on 20 June but there will be Messy Church activities available to families during the Celebration Day event.

**FR. PETER'S 50th YEAR OF ORDINATION** – We will celebrate this on 28 June with special refreshments after the 10a.m. service. Please let the office know if you will be attending.

**REPAIR CAFÉ** – Saturday, 4 July – 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. The repair café is on the first Saturday of every second month.

**RED KITE CRAFT MARKET** – Saturday, 4 July – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

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

**LUNCHBREAK** – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 26 May – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – Desert Island Discs with Beverley and Duncan. All Welcome.

**LUNCH FORUM** – Friday, 19 June – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Our next meeting will be on Friday, 19 June when Gareth Williams from the 'Grace Advocacy' charity will be our speaker. This charity helps people with their statutory rights in areas like social care or mental health where they may struggle to understand their entitlement to support. Gareth was the Conservative candidate in the Chesham and Amersham constituency at the last general election in 2024 and was previously deputy leader of Bucks Council. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.00pm. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. Members of St. Michael's very welcome.

