



**St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
24 November, 2024 – Christ the King**

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.

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

The 10.00a.m. service is streamed live, then available on, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Hymns for 10a.m.

- 432 Rejoice, the Lord is King
- 484 The King of love my shepherd is
- 513 Thou didst leave thy throne
- 103a Crown him with many crowns

Readers
Claire and
Hazel.

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

Psalm 93

Response: The Lord is King, and his apparel is glorious.

The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel;
the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.

Response

He has made the whole world so sure that it can not be moved.
Your throne has been established from of old; You are from everlasting

Response

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their pounding waves.

Response

Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
the lord on high is mightier.

Response

Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

Response

Revelation 1.4b-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

John 18. 33-37

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

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES will be open every Monday-Saturday, from 10a.m.-4p.m. (21 December - 1.30p.m.-4p.m.) and Sundays from 11.30a.m./12noon-4p.m., until 21 December, in the South Transept.

CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 22 November & 14 December – 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.

SUSTAINABLE AMERSHAM & BUCKS COMMUNITY ENERGY EVENT – Saturday, 23 November 1p.m.-4p.m.

AMERSHAM JUPITER SINGERS – A FESTIVE EVENING – Wednesday, 27 November - 7.30p.m. – St. Michael & All Angels
Join the Jupiter Singers for a heartwarming evening of Christmas singalong favourites. Tickets £5 on the door.

AMERSHAM ACTION GROUP CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST. MICHAEL'S – Saturday, 30 November – 1p.m.-4p.m.

Buckinghamshire Community Energy (BCE) and Sustainable Amersham are partnering to organise a Green Energy Fair for anyone interested in finding out more about making their home energy efficient, and installing renewable and low carbon power and heating sources. It's your opportunity to meet and get advice from experts on: *Insulation* – with a focus on eco-friendly, carbon sink material; *Ventilation* – single room or whole house; *Energy efficient, decarbonised heating* such as heat pumps, infrared heating and energy efficient electric heaters; *Making your home more energy efficient*; *Solar PV installation*; *Smart heating controls*. This event will also provide another opportunity for you to recycle old or unused electrical cables. Simply have a sort out and bring along any cables you no longer have use for.

The event is FREE but booking online in advance is recommended. <https://buckscommunityenergy.org/green-energy-fair-amersham/>

ADVENT PRAYER SWAP – Sunday, 1 December-Christmas Day. Please join the 2024 advent prayer swap; all are welcome from St. Michael's, the Amersham Free Church, and the whole community. The swap will start on 1 December when Advent commences. All that is required of you is that you give your first name and email address to Rebecca via communications@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk (if you don't use e-mail, please leave a message with the office). On Thursday, 28 November, you will be given the first name of someone to pray for daily throughout advent, and someone will be given your name so you too will be prayed for daily.

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 6th December – 2p.m.-4p.m. – A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION Starring Meryl Streep and Garrison Keller. The story of a much loved US radio show, the last ever live recording of one of America's broadcasting institutions. Running Time 1hr. 41mins.

"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 6 December – 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!

CHOIRS COFFEE & CAKE AT ST. MICHAEL'S – Saturday, 7 December – 10a.m.-3p.m.

5 Choirs will each be performing for 45 minutes in the Church. Free entry – just pop in for as long as you wish. This is a family friendly occasion with refreshments available throughout. Donations are requested for Wycombe Homeless Connection. Please be sure to bring friends and neighbours, and circulate the information far and wide!

10a.m. The Heatherton Singers.

11a.m. The Ukeholics

12p.m. AmChor

1p.m. The Knights of Harmony

2p.m. Amersham Community Choir

FAIR TRADE STALL – Sunday, 8 December – 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 CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, 21 December – 11.30a.m.-1p.m. Join us with your children/grandchildren for a fun session centered around the theme, 'The light of Christ', and based on Luke 11.33. 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.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 4 January – 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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL TAXI TRANSPORT CONSULTATION - CLOSING 24 NOVEMBER

Please consider participating in this consultation, which includes provision of wheelchair accessible local taxis. Amersham & Chesham are currently poorly served in this respect. For more information and to participate in the consultation, please visit: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/regulatory-services/taxi-licensing/>
Should you have any questions about this consultation, please contact taxilicensing@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 19 November – 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 short talk, a bite sized service or a recital.

BEYOND DIFFERENCE – SCRIPTURAL REASONING – Sunday, 24 November, 2p.m.-4p.m. (doors open 1.45p.m.)

Speakers include Edward Bowes-Smith, Team Rector, St. Mary's, Chesham; Thea Gomelaury, Director, Oxford Interfaith Forum, and Imam Arif, Senior Imam, Chesham Mosque. Scriptural Reasoning is a fresh approach to modern day inter-faith dialogue, which puts scripture at the heart of the conversation. For more information please contact info@beyonddifference.org. Location: Chesham Mosque, 212 Bellingdon Road, HP5 2NN.

QUIET GARDEN – ONLINE ADVENT REFLECTIONS – Monday, 2, 9 & 16 December – 7.30p.m.-8p.m. Three evenings of reflection, silence, music and prayer and poetry during Advent, which will follow Mary, The Kings and Shepherds as they make their own journeys towards Bethlehem. For tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeys-through-advent-tickets-1058151081369>.