

St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
25 October, 2026 – Last Sunday after Trinity

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.

*The 10.00a.m. service is recorded, then available later on
St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>*

*Rev. Debbie and Rob would like to invite you to stay after the 10am. Service
on Sunday, 25 October, for a glass or two of sparkly to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary!
Tea and coffee will also be served. Please stay for a chat if you can.*

Hymns for 10a.m.

205 He who would valiant be
217 How good is the God we adore
73 Brother, sister, let me serve you
292a Lead, kindly Light

Readers:

Jenny Baker
Claire O'Beirne

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 'Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.'

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

Psalm 1

Response: The Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

Response

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Response

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Response



1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Matthew 22.34-end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'" On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

RIP JAMIE HALEY – Jamie's funeral will take place at the Milton Chapel, Amersham Crematorium on 29 October at 11.30am and will be followed by refreshments at Merlin's Cave, Chalfont St Giles. All are welcome to attend but please let Joy Johns know as soon as possible if you plan to attend, to help with catering.

You are invited to a special ALL SOULS SERVICE at St. Michael's on Sunday, 1st November at 4.00p.m., during which we shall gather to remember with prayer and thanksgiving loved ones who have died. During the service there will be an opportunity to have names read out and to light a candle in their memory. If you are unable to be at St. Michael's, but would like us to read out the name of anyone you wish to remember and light a candle on your behalf, please do let the Parish Office know. As usual, everyone is welcome to attend this service, whether or not you attend St. Michael's.

CAN YOU HELP? – JUST A FEW CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL HELPERS STILL NEEDED PLEASE! Huge thanks to all those who have already put their hands up. The following exciting opportunities are still on offer – first come, first served!

Monday, 23 November – 10a.m.-12 noon – setting up Christmas Trees in the Church

Saturday, 5 December – 1p.m.-3.30p.m. – helping during 'Carols, Coffee and Cake' event.

Monday, 4 January – 10a.m.-1p.m. – packing Christmas /Trees away

Please contact kiki@akipl.com if you would like to help.

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM – Do you know someone who would like to learn to run the sound system at St. Michael's as part of a team? Please let the church office know if you or someone you know could be interested in this role.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 23 October CANCELLED & 13 and 27 November – 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. *If you would like to make poppies for Remembrance Sunday, have wool that can be used for this purpose, or you need a pattern, please come along or contact the church office.*

COUNTRY MARKETS IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL – Saturday, 24 October and 14 November – 10a.m.-1p.m., and 12 December – 10a.m.-3p.m. Start your Christmas shopping and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee at this new craft market. You will find festive handmade crafts. unique handmade gifts and plants and seasonal greenery.

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES – Will be in the church from 30 October for anyone who would like to purchase cards and other Christmas items. Times will follow.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 5 November – 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, 6 November 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 to watch the proceedings!

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 7 November – 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. In addition to their usual wide range of repairs, they are now also trialling a tech advice service to help people remove personal data from their old devices, particularly phones, so they can be reused or recycled.. Bookable bike maintenance slots are also available; details on the noticeboard. Our Wild Amersham project team are holding a houseplant swap at the cafe, too. No appointment required. Free refreshments. The repair café is held on the first Saturday of every second month.

RED KITE CRAFT MARKET – Saturday, 7 November – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and more.

FAIRTRADE – Sunday, 8 November– The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 21 November– 11.30a.m.-1p.m. Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by an interactive session and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

ADVENT COURSE – This will start a week before Advent. Times and dates will be confirmed soon. If you would like to join the course, please contact the office and request a copy of *Walking with Angels*, by Eleanor Sanderson. A voluntary donation of £10 to cover the cost of the book would be welcome.

SNOW WHITE AT THE ELGIVA – 12 December – 3p.m. – Would you, your family and friends, like to join us for an outing to the panto this Christmas? If you are interested, please let the church office know before the end of October, when any unsold seats will be returned to the theatre. 23 people have already said they will be coming, so we are entitled to 15% discount. If you have replied to express your interest in attending, you will be contacted shortly for payment. The prices below include the discount.
If you can't drive, when contacting the office, please let us know that you will need transport.

Full Price £23.17

60+/Disabled/Student £22.32

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Activities and Events Beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Tuesday, 27 October – 12 noon, including at 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – a short talk, music or a Bite Sized Service. *All welcome.*

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION'S BIG SLEEP OUT 2026 – Friday, 13 November – 6pm-10pm – The Walled Garden, West Wycombe – Build your shelter and sleep out under the cold November sky to raise money for people in a housing crisis. For more details see wyhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2026 or call 01494 447699.

A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER AT AFC – the last week of November – spaces for 12 people are available. Registration forms will be available from next week and should be completed and sent to Alison in the Amersham Free Church office via: admin@amershamfreechurch.org.uk

For more details please see the article on the desk by the pigeon holes at St. Michael's. The Amersham Free Church are keen to welcome members of St. Michael's to join them for this.