



**St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
26 April, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Easter & APCM**

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

APCM and short Eucharist – Sunday – 10a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, - Tuesday 9a.m.

The APCM may be attended by anyone on the electoral roll.

Tea, coffee and pastries will be served from 9.15a.m until 10.00a.m.

Please come along and meet with others, who may not attend the same service as you.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 2.42-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **Response**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **Response**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. **Response**

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **Response**

John 10.1-10

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate

for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.’
This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 16 May – 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.

PARENTING THROUGH THE TEEN YEARS – Monday, 20 April – 9.30a.m.-11a.m. – The Wheeler Room, St. Michael’s. A monthly support group led by experienced counsellors, Sarah Standish & Claire Morgan. Please contact Claire on 07903 443443 to reserve your space. Suggested donation of £5.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 24 April – 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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – Sunday, 26 April - 10.00a.m. The APCM will take place on Sunday, 26 April at 10a.m. in church, followed by a short Holy Communion Service. Attendance at the APCM is limited to those on the electoral roll of the parish. The agenda and other papers relating to the meeting will be circulated to those on the roll. The meeting agenda includes elections for vacancies on the PCC.

POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 1 May – 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!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 1 May – 2p.m.-4p.m. – MR BURTON Starring Harry Lawtey and Toby Jones. In the Welsh town of Port Talbot in 1942, Richard Jenkins lives as a wayward school boy, until his teacher Philip Burton spots his natural talent for drama. Running Time: 2hrs.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 2 May – 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, 2 May – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael’s Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 7 May – 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.

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

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael’s

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 28 April – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – A Bite Sized Service. All Welcome.

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION’S ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE – Saturday, 25 April, at Christ the Servant King, Booker, High Wycombe, HP12 4TJ – Arrival from 2p.m. for refreshments – 2.30p.m. start. We will give thanks for the unwavering community response to homelessness in our community, celebrate the winter night shelter and the all-year-round work done to prevent and reduce the harm that homelessness does. We will also take time to honour those who have been lost. *You are invited to attend.*

TALK: THE IMPORTANCE AND LEGACY OF TYNDALE’S TRANSLATION – St. Mary’s Church, Old Amersham – 5 May- 7p.m.-9p.m. - £5 suggested donation In partnership with the Tyndale Society and St. Mary’s Church, we are marking Tyndale500, the 500th anniversary of the first New Testament in English. 500 years ago in 1526 William Tyndale published the first New Testament in English to ever be printed and the first to be translated from the original Greek. His words and phraseology set a standard which continues today. The famous Authorised Version owes much to his text, and readers of Bibles in modern English still owe a great debt to Tyndale. For more details and tickets please see: <https://amershammuseum.org/event/the-importance-and-legacy-of-tyndales-translation/>

TALK: FROM WYCLIF THROUGH TYNDALE AND BEYOND: THE REFORMATION IN AMERSHAM – St. Mary’s Church, Old Amersham – 12 May – 7p.m.-9p.m. - £5 suggested donation. In partnership with the Tyndale Society and St. Mary’s Church, we are marking Tyndale500, the 500th anniversary of the first New Testament in English.

Amersham was very hospitable to Lollardy, the heretical movement which flowed from the ideas of John Wyclif (d.1384). Lollards stressed the importance of the Bible in English, but copies were only available in manuscript and their ownership was forbidden. Despite persecution, Lollardy persisted in Amersham through to the early sixteenth century. In 1526 William Tyndale produced the first printed translation of the New Testament, which was also the first translation from the original Greek. It proved impossible to control its distribution, and it was to change English-speaking religion for ever.

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LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 15 May – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Peter Healy will be giving a talk on 'The life of Edward Watkin, a great Victorian.' Sir Edward Watkin was a British MP and railway entrepreneur who expanded the Metropolitan Railway into Buckinghamshire, establishing Amersham Station in 1892. He also tried to dig a Channel Tunnel and build a rival to the Eiffel Tower in Wembley. 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.*