



***St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
26 October, 2025 – Last Sunday after Trinity***

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

Sung Eucharist with baptism – 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>***

We welcome for baptism Ted Robin Lothwell with his parents Steven and Trudi and his sisters
Alexia and Harper-Rose

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

Hymns for 10a.m.

193 Hail to the Lord's anointed
333a May the grace of Christ our Saviour
321 Love divine all loves excelling
242 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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.**

Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

Psalms 84.1-7

Response: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

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My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Response

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Response

Blessed are they who dwell in your house: they will always be praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion,

Response

Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.
They will go from strength to strength and appear before God in Zion.

Response

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O God of Jacob.

Response

Luke 18.9-14

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

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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

PAT REES' FUNERAL is next Thursday, 30 October at 10.30a.m. in the Lady Chapel, St. Michael's.

All are welcome to attend.

You are invited to a **special ALL SOULS SERVICE at St. Michael's on Sunday, 2nd 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.

HELPERS REQUIRED FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL PLEASE - Contact Kiki on kiki@akipl.com

Mon 24 Nov - morning, or afternoon - tbc. Setting up the Trees in the Church

Wed 26 Nov - morning. Being on hand to help the Groups coming in to decorate

Sat 29 Nov - sessions between 9.30 & 4.30. Helping at the Christmas Fayre

Sat 06 Dec - sessions between 9.30 & 4.30. Helping at 'Choirs, Coffee & Cake'

Fri 02 Jan - morning. Happy New Year! Clearing away the Christmas Trees

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES will be open in the South Transept every Monday-Saturday, from 10a.m.-4p.m. (except 18 October, 15 November and 20 December, when they will open from 1.30p.m.-4p.m.) and Sundays from 11.30a.m./12noon-4p.m.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 24 October – 10.30a.m.-12noon. A Crafty Cuppa is 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.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 1 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. No appointment required. Free refreshments.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 6 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, 7 November – 10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. Join 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!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 7 November – 2p.m.-4p.m – in The Wheeler Room – GREEN FINGERS, Starring Clive Owen and Helen Mirren. Based on a true story, Colin Briggs (Clive Owen) is serving a sentence for murder. After being transferred to an open prison in the heart of the Cotswolds, life takes on a whole new meaning. 1hr. 26mins.

FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 9 November. The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 15 November – 11.30a.m.-1p.m. Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by a story or discussion, and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

TOY SWAP – Saturday, 15 November – 10a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Run by Sustainable Amersham. All Welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST MICHAEL'S – Saturday, 29 November – Details to follow.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesdays – 12noon-2p.m. Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and on 28 October, from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m., Favourite Hymns with Sara Autton.

The next **BEYOND DIFFERENCE** event is **The Big Fat Interfaith Quiz**, which will be held at Chiltern Hills Academy on **Sunday, 2 November, at 2:00 PM.** The quiz is fairly loosely about faith, and is expected to be a fun, social event more than a serious competition.

Could you please let them know via <https://beyonddifference.org/event-sign-up/> if you will be attending? If you sign up in advance with a team name, they will make a team poster for you. Don't worry, you can still come along even if you don't sign up in advance.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 21 November – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Anne Samson shall give a talk about the ongoing work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission based in Maidenhead. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.00p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers.

It would be wonderful to have members from St. Michael's come and join us.