

St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England 29 September, 2024 – Patronal

Said Eucharists - Sunday, 8.30a.m. and Tuesday, 10.30a.m. Sung Eucharist – Sunday 10.00a.m. (Incense will be used at the 10a.m. service) Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel – Tuesday, 9.00a.m.

The 10a.m. service will be streamed live, and then be available on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams

A warm welcome to Revd. Canon Chris Bull, Associate Archdeacon of Buckingham, who will be preaching at the 10a.m. Sung Eucharist

Hymns for 10a.m.

CG4 All are welcome (SHS)

CG66 v2 (SHS)

CG66 v3 (SHS)

33 Angel voices, ever singing (Angel voices)

CG66 v4 (SHS)

79 Christ, the fair glory (Coelites plaudant)

Introit (Choir only)

1. Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song and prayer, we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care. Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.

Processional Hymn – All are welcome Choir only v.1

1) Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive Built of hopes and dreams and visions rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Chorus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

All - vv.2-5

2) Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as a symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: Chorus

3) Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus,

is revealed in time and space:

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: Chorus

4) Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;

Chorus:

5) Let us build a house where we all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: Chorus

Gradual

 Jesus calls us to confess him Word of Life and Lord of all, sharer of our flesh and frailness saving all who fail or fall.
 Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.

After Agnus Dei

4. Jesus calls us to his table rooted firm in time and space, where the church in earth and heaven finds a common meeting place. Share the bread and wine, his body: share the love of which we sing; share the feast for saints and sinners hosted by our Lord and King.

Peace

Jesus calls us to each other:
 vastly different though we are;
 race and colour, class and gender
 neither limit nor debar.
 Join the hand of friend and stranger;
 join the hands of age and youth;
 join the faithful and the doubter
 in their common search for truth.

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Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

This year's **HARVEST APPEAL CHARITY** is Carers Bucks www.carersbucks.org supporting unpaid carers of all ages and backgrounds and in all caring roles. The Harvest Appeal will continue to our Harvest Festival on 13 October. Donations can be made by filling an envelope or by using the card reader in the Narthex.

ROTATE OLDER PERSONS DAY – Tuesday, 1 October – 9.30a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church. Amersham Rotate, a community group in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, celebrates Older Persons Day with tea, cake, and entertainment. Attendees are encouraged to bring a friend, relative, or neighbour.

"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 4 October – 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 to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too!

WISE CHOICE FILM CLUB – Friday, 4 October – 2p.m.-4p.m. – THE DUKE, set in 1961. Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren give a heartwarming performance about the true story of the one and only theft from the National Gallery in London, the portrait of the 'Duke of Wellington.' Running Time 1hr. 35mins.

LEARN TO DANCE MODERN JIVE – Friday, 4 October-22 November – 7.30p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall (n.b. Friday 25 October will be in the North Transept). Come and learn to dance for FREE! Just turn up. Donations to St. Michael's welcome.

SUSTAINABLE AMERSHAM, TOY SWAP – Saturday, 5 October – 10a.m.-1p.m. – St Michael's Church For more information please see - https://sustainableamersham.org/community-swap-cafe/

MORRIS DANCING - Saturday, 5 October - 11a.m.-12noon - St. Michael's Square

FAIR TRADE STALL – Sunday, 13 October – 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 – Saturday, 19 October – 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, 2 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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 1 October– 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 Bite Sized Service.

BIBLE TEACHING DAY – Amersham Free Church - Saturday, 12th October 2024 – 10.00 am – 3.00 pm Owen Room Not Ashamed of the Gospel: New Readings in Romans Led by Revd Dr Andrew Goodliff, Minister of Belle Vue Baptist Church and Lecturer in Baptist History at Regent's Park College, Oxford. Refreshments and Lunch is provided. Please contact https://doi.org/10.1001/jac.2001/jac.2001/jac.2001/ to register for catering purposes.

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For those watching via live stream the readings and Psalm are as shown below:

Psalm 103 19-22 Response: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom has dominion over all. Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word.

Response: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will. Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

Response: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Genesis 28.10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Revelation 12.7-12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

John 1.47-51

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you come to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.