



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

3 August, 2025 – 7th Sunday after Trinity

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m., 10.00a.m., and Tuesday, 10.30a.m.

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>

Hymns for 10a.m.

354 Now thank we all our God
175 God of mercy, God of
170 God is love, let heaven adore him
244 In Christ there is no east or west

Readers:

Ann Jarvis and Ann Beattie

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Alternative Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

Psalm 49.1-9

Response: God shall ransom my soul from the grasp of death.

Hear this all you peoples; listen, all of you dwell in the world,

You of low or high degree, both rich and poor together.

Response

My mouth shall speak of wisdom and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

I will incline my ear to a parable; I will unfold my riddle with the lyre.

Response

Why should I fear in evil days, when the malaise of my foes surrounds me,

Such as trust in their goods and glory in the abundance of their riches?

Response

For no one can indeed ransom another or pay to God the price of deliverance.

To ransom a soul is too costly; there is no price one could pay for it,

So that they might live for ever, and never see the grave.

Response

Colossians 3.1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 12.13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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

Post Communion Hymn

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 8 & 22 August – 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.

"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 5 September – 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!

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 6 September – 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.

FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 14 September. The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 September – 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.

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 from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. **a bite sized service on 5 August, a ukelele**

concert on 12 August, Community Connex on 19 August, and Great Sacred Music on 26 August.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 15 August – from 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Bring a packed lunch. A talk starts at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. All very welcome.