



**St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England**  
**30 March, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday.**

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

**Sung Eucharist – Sunday 10.00a.m.**

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

- 227 I come with joy
- 250 In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
- CG32 Enemy of Apathy **SHS**
- 354 Now thank we all our God

**Readers**

Jenny Thompson  
 and Liz Grammenos

**Collect**

**Alternative Collect**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.**

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**1 Samuel 1.20–28**

*A reading from the first book of Samuel.*

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

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

**Psalm 127.1-4**

**Response: Children are a heritage from the Lord.**

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord keeps the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

**Response**

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, for he gives his beloved sleep.

**Response**

Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

**Response**

### **Colossians 3.12–17**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

### **John 19.25b–27**

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

### **Offertory Hymn – Enemy of Apathy**

1. She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,  
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;  
she signs and she sings, mothering creation,  
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

2. She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,  
lightning close at hand or soaring through the skies:  
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,  
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

3. She dances in fire, startling her spectators,  
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;  
she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,  
nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

4. For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,  
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;  
she is the key opening the scriptures,  
enemy of apathy and eternal dove.

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# Easter Services 2025

St Michael & All Angels Church - Church of England, Inclusive Church

**Ash Wednesday - 5 March, 10.30am & 7pm**

**Palm Sunday - 13 April, 8.30am & 10am**

**Maundy Thursday - 17 April, 8pm**

*(Includes washing of feet)*

**Good Friday - 18 April, 10am**

**& St Michael's Square at 11.30am**

**Holy Saturday - 19 April, Service of Light, 8pm**

**Easter Day - 20 April, 8.30am & 10am**



All Welcome

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**\*\*\*2025 ELECTORAL ROLL REVIEW\*\*\***

The big 6 yearly review of the Roll is happening! Everyone currently on the Roll must reapply in order to be included! Emails with links to the new form have been sent out to everyone on the current Roll, and forms have been sent to those not on e-mail and are available to those who would prefer to apply offline. If you are having difficulty filling in the form please do get in touch. NOT ON THE ROLL BUT WOULD LIKE TO ENROL? Please speak to myself or Rachel via the Church Office (email: [office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk) or Tel: [01494 726680](tel:01494726680)) with your contact details, and we will get a form to you.

Chris Leslie  
Electoral Roll Officer

**2025 LENT APPEAL** – This year the St Michael's Lent Appeal is, once again, the **Friends of St. Anne's Hospital, Liuli, Tanzania**. More can be found about them on the charity's website <https://friends-of-st-annes.com/>. For reasons given in our March Newsletter, this will be the last time that this charity will be our chosen charity. Please give generously either through the card reader in the Narthex (to which gift aid is added), by cash or by cheque made out to "Friends of St. Anne's Hospital", placed in the envelopes in the Narthex with gift aid forms."

**A CRAFTY CUPPA – 28 March – 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.

**NEW CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – 1st Thursday of the month from Thursday, 3 April – 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. Sharing experiences can be such a positive support in our cancer journeys.

**"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 4 April – 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!

**WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB**– Friday, 4 April – 2p.m.-4p.m – **THE MIRACLE CLUB** Starring Maggie Smith and Kathy Bates. Winning a pilgrimage to Lourdes seems like an answer to all prayers. However deep wounds from the past are re-opened and bitter truths exposed. Running Time 1hr. 26mins.

**MESSY CHURCH** – Saturday, 19 April – 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.

**REPAIR CAFÉ** – Saturday, 1 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.

### ***Activities and Events beyond St. Michael’s***

**LUNCHBREAK** – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 1 April – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. there will be a talk or recital.

**AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH MONTHLY LUNCH GROUP** – Friday, 18 April – starts 12.15p.m.

The next meeting, held in the Alfred Ellis Hall at Amersham Free Church, will start with sitting down to eat our own food at 12.15p.m.-12.30p.m. with the meeting starting at 1.00p.m. Suggested donation £3-£5. All are very welcome.