



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

5 July, 2026 – 5th Sunday after Trinity

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

United COTHA Communion Service – Sunday 10.00a.m.

at St. Michael and All Angels

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel – Tuesday, 9.00a.m.

Please join us for tea and coffee and a chat in the North Transept after the 10a.m. United COTHA Service.

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



Amersham Free Church – Baptists Together – The United Reformed Church

Sunday, 5 July, 2026

10.00a.m. United COTHA Communion Service

at St Michael's: Preacher: Ian Green.

**Sunday 12th July 2026 10.30a.m.: Morning Service: The Revd Erna Stevenson and The Revd Ian Green
Followed by Morning Tea and Coffee and then the July Church Meeting.**

Hymns for 10a.m.

473 The church's one foundation
231 I heard the voice of Jesus say
464 Take my life and let it be
135 For I'm building a people of power

Readers

Barbara Gibson
and Ann Jarvis

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and 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

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Zechariah 9.9-12

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Psalm 145.8-15

Response: I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving to everyone and his mercy is over all his creatures.

Response

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your mighty power.

Response

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

Response

The Lord is sure in all his words and faithful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

Response

Romans 7.15-25a

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

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

At that time Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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



MESSAGE FROM HAZEL MILLER

To mark the beginning of my eighth decade during this year of celebrations at St. Michael's, I would like to invite friends from church to join me for an afternoon at Amersham Fair Organ Museum, 28 Plantation Road, on Sunday 26th July from 3.00pm – 6.00pm.

If you haven't been before to what describes itself as 'one of the town's best-kept secrets', it is well worth a visit. If you have, then you will know what to expect! There will be some music.

Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring some light refreshments to share if able. All welcome, but it would be helpful to know in advance if you plan to come, so I can ascertain numbers. Tel: 07799 017730. Email: hazel11miller@gmail.com

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 4 July – 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, 4 July – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 10 & 24 July – 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.

FAIRTRADE – Sunday, 12 July – The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 18 July – 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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 6 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.

SUMMER MUSIC COURSES 2026 – St. Michael's Church Hall – for details, please see the community notice board.

Activities and Events at Amersham Free Church



MISSION OFFERING – July's Mission Offering is for Rennie Grove Peace Hospice.

– Tuesday, 7 July:

LUNCHBREAK– 12 noon, including at 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m.

– Great Sacred Music. All welcome.

HANDS TOGETHER GROUP –2pm

TEA AT THREE –3p.m.

– Wednesday, 8 July:

SERVICE AT CHALFONT LODGE RESIDENTIAL HOME– 2.30p.m.

– Friday, 10 July:

ELDERS' MEETING – 10.00a.m.

FRIDAY COFFEE – 10.15am-11a.m.

BRING & SHARE PRAYER GROUP – 11.00a.m.

FUN AT ONE – 1p.m.

THE JULY CHURCH MEETING – Sunday, 12 July after Morning Coffee. All welcome, Church Members have voting responsibilities.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 17 July – 12.15p.m. – At our next meeting Dr. Rebecca Eliahoo will give a talk: 'Overpaid and over here - Romans and the gift of Latin'. Rebecca has previously given us fascinating talks on Anglo-Saxon contributions to the English language, as well as on the Viking and Norman influences on our language.

As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15p.m.-12.30p.m. with the talk starting at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water are provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers.

Members of St. Michael's are very welcome.