



5 November, 2023 – All Saints and All Souls
Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m. and Tuesday, 10.30a.m.
Sung Eucharist – Sunday 10.00a.m.



All Souls' Service – 4p.m.

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

The 10.00a.m. service will be streamed live, and then be available on
St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Please stay after the service for refreshments
to celebrate Katherine Hyde becoming a Licensed Lay Minister.

Hymns for 10a.m.

134 vv.1-4 For all the saints (Sine
nomine)
63 Blest are the pure in heart (Franconia)
77 Christ is our cornerstone (Harewood)
134 vv.5-8

Introit – Choir

Sing for God's saints who have travelled
faith's journey before us,
Who in our weariness
Give us their hope to restore us;
In them we see the new creation to be,
Spirit of love made flesh for us.

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Revelation 7.9-end

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'

I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.'

Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

Psalm 34 1-10**Response: O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Response

O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Response

Look upon him and be radiant and your faces shall not be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

Response

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; blessed is the one who trusts in him.

Response

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, for those who fear him lack nothing.

Lions may lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. **Response**

1 John 3.1-3

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Matthew 5.1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels

and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:

As in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship,

so may we come to share their joy in heaven. through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

LLM SERVICE: The licensing of new Licensed Lay Ministers will be taking place at Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday, 4 November at 11a.m. It will be possible to watch this online on <https://youtube.com/live/lm7sc2e4RmU?feature=share>. This link is active on the home page of the St. Michael's website, where you will only need to click 'play'. If you prefer to attend the actual service to support Katherine Hyde in person, please message the St. Michael's Church office as soon as possible.

Please do also stay after the service on Sunday, 5 November, (during which Katherine will be preaching as a Licenced Lay Minister for the first time), to celebrate with Katherine and the rest of the community at St. Michael's.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE IN ST. MICHAEL'S SQUARE – Saturday, 11 November – 10.55a.m.

“POP IN AND PAINT” – Friday, 3 November & 1 December 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 CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 3 November & 1 December – 2p.m.-4p.m. – Wheeler Room

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING - This film tells the story of Kya, an abandoned girl, who raised herself to adulthood in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina. Starring Daisy Edgar Jones. Running Time 2hrs.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 4 November – 10.a.m.-1p.m.

Come along to SustainableAmersham.org's pop-up Repair Café, where volunteer repairers will help you fix your stuff for free. No appointment required, but you may need to wait to see a repairer. Free refreshments are available.

ALL SOULS SERVICE – Sunday, 5 November – 4p.m.

During the service there will be an opportunity to have [your loved one's] name 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 to light a candle on your behalf, please do let the Parish Office know.

CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 10 & 24 November – 10.30a.m.-12noon.

A drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. If you engage in a craft, such as knitting or embroidery, bring it with you and enjoy some company while you work. All welcome.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 18 November – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.

On the third Saturday of each month is a fun, informal activity for all the family, combining creative activities and biblical teaching, followed by lunch. All welcome. No need to book. Just turn up.

THE BIG ADVENT PRAYER SWAP

If you would like to join the *Big Advent Prayer Swap*, please email communications@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk. Just before Advent your first name will be given to someone else who has requested to be involved, and you will be given a name to pray for daily throughout Advent.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – As in previous years, we're looking for support for the Christmas Tree Festival, the AAG Fayre and The Big Sing, at St. Michael's, raising funds for Wycombe Homeless Connection

Although way in advance, in order to make a plan with the volunteers from Wycombe Homeless, we need to know how many people from St. Michael's are willing to commit some time on the following days:

Thursday, 30 November between 10a.m. and 12noon /**Saturday, 2 December** between 10a.m. and 4p.m.

/**Saturday, 9 December** between 10a.m. and 2p.m. If you can help, please email kiki@akipl.com saying when you would be available. Thank you.

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

Cards for Good Causes is **looking for volunteers to help cover weeks commencing 6 November and 13 November** due to staff absence. They are particularly in need of people Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If you can help, please do get in touch with Laura at l.e.evans2@gmail.com. Staff will be back full time from the 20 November. Cards for Good Causes are set up in the South Transept.

Even if you cannot help by volunteering, please come along and support this charity by buying your Christmas cards and other bits and pieces for Christmas from them.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHEBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 7 November – 12noon-2p.m.

Tea, coffee and soup are available throughout. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from **1.10p.m.-1.30p.m.** for the *Second Wind Recital*.

ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH – Woodside Road – Saturday, 11 November – 2p.m.-4p.m.

Grand Clearance Sale.