



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
6 October 2024 – 19th Sunday after Trinity

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

380 O Lord my God
 313 Lord of all hopefulness
 Hymnody 5 God is here, as we his people **SHS**
 81a Christ triumphant

Collect

O God, for as much as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Genesis 2.18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

Response: Above the heavens your majesty be praised.

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
 Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

Response

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

Response

You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.
 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under their feet,

Response

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea
 and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Response

Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 10.2-16

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Offertory Hymn – God is here, as we his people

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1. God is here; as we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of his Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place;
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work our purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive.
We, who cannot live without you,
we adore you, we believe.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

"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, 8 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. the Chiltern Singers in Recital.

BIBLE TEACHING DAY – Amersham Free Church - Saturday, 12th October 2024 – 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. – **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 are provided. Please contact hazelrr@hotmail.com to register for catering purposes.

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