



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
7 December, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
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 10.00a.m. service will be recorded, then available on:
<https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Hymns for 10a.m.

489 The Lord will come and not be slow
 Advent Antiphons 5 & 6
 196 Hark a herald voice is calling
 520 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee

Readers

Rachel & Rebecca

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

Isaiah 11.1–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Psalm 72.1-7

Response: May all nations be blest in him.

Give the king your judgments, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.

Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice.

May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.

Response

May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

Response

May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth.

In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Response

Romans 15.4-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Advent Antiphons 5 & 6 – Choir

Matthew 3.1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Sunday, 14 December – **Advent 3** – Eucharists at 8.30a.m. and 10a.m.
Wednesday, 17 December – **Nine Lessons and Carols** – 7p.m.
Saturday, 20 December – **Messy Church** – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.
Sunday, 21 December – **Advent 4** – Eucharists at 8.30a.m. and 10a.m.
Wednesday 24 December – **Christmas Eve** – Family Crib Service – 4p.m.
Sung Christmas Mass – 8p.m.
Thursday 25 December – **Christmas Day** – Said Eucharist at 8.30a.m.
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Please note that coffee and mince pies will be served after the 10a.m. services on Sunday, 14 and 21 December.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT ST. MICHAEL'S - raising funds for Wycombe Homeless Connection. – starting on Saturday 29th November and running up to the end of Christmas Eve.

This year we have 29 illuminated Christmas Trees, inside and outside the Church, sponsored and inspiringly decorated by local Community Groups. Well worth dropping in any day between 10a.m. and 4p.m. Free entry, with donations requested for Wycombe Homeless Connection.

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES will be open in the South Transept every Monday-Saturday, from 10a.m.-4p.m. (except 18 October, 15 November and 20 December when they will open from 1.30p.m.-4p.m.) and Sundays from 11.30a.m./12noon-4p.m.

“POP IN AND PAINT” – Friday, 5 December – 10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. Join 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, 5 December – 2p.m.-4p.m – in The Wheeler Room – ELVIS – Starring Austin Butler and Tom Hanks. This epic drama explores the life and music of Elvis Presley. Running Time 2hrs. 30mins

CHOIRS, COFFEE & CAKE – Saturday, 6 December – 10.30a.m.-1.30p.m. Choirs will each be performing for 30 minutes each in the church. Free entry – just pop in for as long as you wish. This is a family friendly occasion with refreshments available throughout. Donations are requested for Wycombe Homeless Connection.

10.30 The Heatherton Singers

11.15 Amersham A Cappella

12.00 Ukaholics Singalong

12.45 Knights of Harmony

A CRAFTY CUPPA –12 December – 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. We look forward to seeing you.

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

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 December – 11.30a.m.-1p.m. Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by an interactive session with Revd. Debbie, and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 3 January – 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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 5 February – 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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHEBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesdays – 12noon-2p.m. Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and on 9 December, from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m., Great Sacred Music for Advent.

COFFEE & CHAT – Saturday, 6 December – 10a.m.–12 noon – Birtton Crematorium, Cane End Lane, Birtton, Aylesbury, HP22 5BH in partnership with [Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide \(SOBS\)](#). This free event is a gentle and supportive session offers a safe space for anyone affected by suicide to come together, share a coffee, and connect with others who understand. Trained volunteers will be available to offer support, guidance, and a listening ear. Tel: 01296 350 019.

THE DAMON SINGERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Sunday, 14 December at 7.30p.m. – The White Hill Centre, Chesham. There will be the usual opportunity to join in with some carols, and then share some mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets £12.50 in advance / £14 cash on the door. £5 for 12-18s, under 12s free. Available in advance from Perfect Pitch, The Broadway, Chesham, or for tickets and further information call 07747 45570.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 19 December – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Dr Rudi Newman, transport historian and author, will give a talk on the Lusitania, the British passenger liner. This was the ship torpedoed by a German U-boat in 1915 during World War I, creating a global outcry. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.10p.m. just after our short AGM. As this is our Christmas meeting, a glass of wine will be on offer along with the usual tea, coffee and water. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers.

It would be wonderful to have members from St. Michael's come and join us.