



## ***St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England***

**7 September, 2025 – 12<sup>th</sup> 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>***

*A warm welcome to Nigel Roberts who during the 10a.m. service will talk about Karibuni Children, the charity St. Michael's will support for the 2025 Harvest Appeal.*

### **Hymns for 10a.m.**

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| 1. 50 Awake, my soul, and with the sun     | 3. 341 My God, accept my heart this day |
| 2. 465 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said | 4. 143 Forth in thy name O Lord I go    |

### **Readers:**

Nichola and Claire

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Deuteronomy 30.15–20**

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.*

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

### **Psalms 1**

**Response: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.**

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, not sat in the assembly of the scornful.  
Their delight is the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

**Response**

Like a tree planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.  
As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

**Response**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

**Response**

### **Philemon 1-21**

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

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of

your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

### **Luke 14.25-33**

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

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**RIP Sybil Whitfield.** Sybil’s funeral will be on Thursday, 25 September, at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

#### **WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 5 September – 2p.m.-4p.m – in The Wheeler Room**

CONCLAVE, starring Ralph Fiennes. A top class thriller, Conclave follows one of the world’s most secretive and ancient events—selecting a new Pope. Running Time 1hr. 45mins.

**“POP IN AND PAINT” – Friday, 5 September – 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!

**REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 6 September – 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.

**A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 12 & 26 September – 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.

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

**MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 September – 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.

**ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATION DAY- Saturday 4 October – 10a.m.-to 2p.m.**

Remember to put this in your diary! We are looking for stewards to help out on the day. If you are able to help, please contact Neil Lynch by email: [neiljlynch@hotmail.com](mailto:neiljlynch@hotmail.com)

***Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's***

**LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday 9 September – 12noon-2p.m.** - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. Desert Island Disks with Chris Ibberson.

**LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 19 September – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church.** Bring a packed lunch. A talk about 'Conservation Projects in Africa' will be given at 1p.m. by Peter Burdin, who has worked extensively for the BBC. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. All very welcome.

**BIBLE TEACHING DAY – Saturday 11 October – 10a.m.-3p.m.** The Amersham Free Church have invited us to join them for their upcoming annual. The session, 'Reading and Singing God's Word', will be led by retired United Reformed Church Minister, The Revd. Dr John Miller Campbell. More details can be found from Sunday on the poster on the noticeboard outside the church.