

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

Gathered Round – Sunday, 10a.m.

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

*Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.00a.m. Gathered Round service.
Please stay for a chat with other members of the congregation if you can.*

The Traidcraft stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

Hymns for 10a.m.

40 As we are gathered

52 Be still and know that I am God

375 O let the son of God enfold you

548 When I needed a neighbour

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Genesis 1.1-2.3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, ‘Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.’

So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it

was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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

Psalm 136 1-9,23-end

Response: For his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, **for his mercy endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods, **for his mercy endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, **for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who alone does great wonders, **for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who by wisdom made the heavens, **for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who laid out the earth upon the waters, **for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who made the great lights, **for his mercy endures for ever;**

The sun to rule the day, **for his mercy endures for ever;**

The moon and the stars to govern the night, **for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who remembered us when we were in trouble, **for his mercy endures for ever;**

And delivered us from our enemies, **for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who gives food to all creatures, **for his mercy endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven, **for his mercy endures for ever.**

Matthew 6.25-end

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

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

RIP SYLVIA DOLLEMORE – There will be a celebration of Sylvia's life at St. Léonard's Church on Friday, February 13th. at 11a.m. If you would like to attend, please do not wear black. Her favourite colour was blue but any colour can be worn.

SHROVE TUESDAY OUTING – 17 February 7p.m. All are invited to join an outing to Pizza Express, Amersham. Prices and menu are still to be confirmed. Please email the office on office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk if you would like to attend and you will then be kept informed about the details as soon as they are available.

Tuesday, 17 February – Morning Prayer will continue at 9a.m. as usual. The 10.30a.m. said Eucharist will instead take place on Wednesday, 18 February in the Lady Chapel to celebrate Ash Wednesday and there will be an additional service in the evening at 7p.m.

LENT APPEAL – PROJECT POSSIBLE An illustrated talk about this charity work will be given by David Pepper, Chief Executive Officer, during the **10a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, 22 February**.

POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 6 February –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!

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 13 & 27 February – 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.

One of the local Police Community Support team, Emma, is planning to come along to the session on 23 January, to talk to anyone who wants advice about personal security, etc. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 21 February – 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.

LENT COURSE – Tuesday, 24 February, 3, 10 & 17 March – 7p.m. – Zoom. If you would like to attend please contact the Church office in person or via email on office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk. The course will follow the second part of God of Surprises. If you don't have a copy of this book please do let Rachel know when you contact her.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 4 March – 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.

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 6 March – 2p.m.-4p.m. – THE CRITIC Starring Ian McKellen. A dark and sharp witted thriller set in 1930s London theatreland. Running Time 1hr. 40mins.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 7 March – 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, 10 February – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – a Bite Sized Service. All Welcome.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 20 February – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Speaker to be confirmed As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.00pm. Tea/coffee/water provided. 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.*