



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

8 March, 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Lent.

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. 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 10am service.

Hymns for 10a.m.

40 As we are gathered

289 Kum ba yah

428 Purify my heart

83 Christ's is the World

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Exodus 17.1-7

A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

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

Psalm 95

Response: O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker.

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.

Response

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Response

Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Response

O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, on that day at Massah in the wilderness,

'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.

Response

Response: O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker.

'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."'

Response

John 4.5-42

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

EASTER SERVICES 2026

Palm Sunday– 29 March – 8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

Maundy Thursday– 2 April – 8p.m (Includes washing of feet)

Good Friday– 3 April – 10a.m. & St. Michael's Square at 11.30a.m.

Holy Saturday – 4 April – Service of Light at 8p.m.

Easter Day– 5 April – 8.30a.m. & 10a.m.



Please note the Church office will be closed on 13, 16 & 17 March.



LENT APPEAL – PROJECT POSSIBLE Please donate to this appeal if you are able to, either via the card machine in the narthex, by filling an envelope and handing it to the office, or via the QR code here.

LENT COURSE – Tuesday, 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 is following the second part of God of Surprises.

POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 6 March – 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!

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. The repair café is on the first Saturday of every second month.

RED KITE CRAFT MARKET – Saturday, 7 March – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

FAIRTRADE – Sunday, 8 March – The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service. Easter Eggs will be available! This will be your only chance to buy Fairtrade Easter Eggs at St. Michael's.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 13 & 27 March – 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.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 21 March – 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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 2 April – 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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday, 6 March – 10.30a.m. at the Amersham Free Church. All welcome.

BREAKING BREAD – Sunday, 8 March – 3p.m.-5p.m. at the Large Barn Hall, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham. You are invited to celebrate International Women's Day on the theme of 'Give to Gain'. Tickets are £3 each (£1 for under 16s). The event includes a brief history of bread, with tales of local women's roles in baking in Bucks, a quiz, food, tea and coffee and more. For details and to book, please see the community notice board on St. Michael's Square.

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 10 March – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – Dr Challoner's Grammar School in Recital. All Welcome.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 20 March – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. At this meeting we shall hear a talk by Liz Instone, a retired teacher, entitled 'Tales from 40 years of teaching'. Come along and find out how things have changed in the classroom since most of us went to school. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. *It would be wonderful to have members of St. Michael's come and join us again.*

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION'S ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE – Saturday, 25 April

At Christ the Servant King, Booker, High Wycombe, HP12 4TJ – Arrival from 2pm for refreshments – 2.30pm start
We will give thanks for the unwavering community response to homelessness in our community, celebrate the winter night shelter and the all-year-round work done to prevent and reduce the harm that homelessness does. We will also take time to honour those who have been lost. *You are invited to attend.*