



Michael & All Angels – Church of England

9 February, 2025 – 4th Sunday before Lent

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

Gathered Round – Sunday 10a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel – 9a.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

442 Seek ye first

317 Lord, the light of your love is shining

235 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Collect

Alternative Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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.**

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 6.1-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

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

Psalm 138

Response: Great is the glory of the Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul.

Response

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the ways of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

Response

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;

You will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving kindness,

O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

Luke 5.1-11

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

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

******2025 ELECTORAL ROLL REVIEW******

The big 6 yearly review of the Roll is happening! Everyone currently on the Roll must reapply in order to be included! Emails with links to the new form will be sent out to everyone on the current Roll and forms will be sent to those not on e-mail and available to those who would prefer to apply offline.

NOT ON THE ROLL BUT WOULD LIKE TO ENROL? Please speak to myself or Rachel via the Church Office (email: office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk or Tel: [01494 726680](tel:01494726680)) with your contact details, and we will get a form to you.

Chris Leslie

Electoral Roll Officer

LENT COURSE – Wednesday, 12, 19 & 26 March – 7P.M. – On Zoom

This year Lent will run from Ash Wednesday on March 5th. to Good Friday on April 18th. We are proposing to study another book by Paula Gooder, Women of Holy Week. As with the book, which we studied in Advent, there are nine stories in a similar format. Everyone enjoyed the Advent course, which produced some good discussion, so it seems appropriate to look at Paula Gooder's other book.

The price of the book is in the region of £10.

If you would like to join the course on Zoom, or simply study the book privately, please contact Rachel in the church office, so that we can make up a list and order the right number of books.

INVITATION FROM THE REVD. CANON DAVE BULL, BISHOP DESIGNATE OF BUCKINGHAM – "Over the next three months, I will be praying on Zoom on Monday evenings at 5.30p.m./ for 20 minutes, starting on 2 December. Will you join me? Feel free to come along just to listen. You are welcome to join in silently – there will be no pressure to pray out loud. If you are usually doing something else at that time – walking the dog, doing the washing up or travelling home from work – you are welcome to join in, just as you are (with camera on or off!)." Please use the following zoom link to access the session or ask the office to send you a copy of the original email, so you can just click the link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89461917418?pwd=5ebxBUsEXv5by0HQ8OZzaj6HDFABs.1&utm_source=Diocese+of+Oxford+Mailing+Lists&utm_campaign=3acd1b869f-](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89461917418?pwd=5ebxBUsEXv5by0HQ8OZzaj6HDFABs.1&utm_source=Diocese+of+Oxford+Mailing+Lists&utm_campaign=3acd1b869f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_07_04_41_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5e6b832234-3acd1b869f-339849597#success)

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"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 7 February & 7 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, 7 February – 2p.m.-4p.m – THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY

This is the story of an unremarkable man, who sets off on a remarkable journey to visit his old friend Queenie, who is dying. Running Time 1hr. 43mins.

FAIR TRADE STALL – Sunday, 9 February – after the 10a.m. Gathered Round Service. 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.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 14 & 28 February – 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.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 15 February – 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.

JIVE TIME Modern Jive Lessons, Dancing and Social – Sunday, 16 February – 2p.m.-5p.m. In the Church Hall. Free entry, but donations towards St. Michael's Welcome. Classes start at 2.30p.m. and 3.30p.m.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 1 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.

SHROVE TUESDAY – Tuesday, 4 March – 7p.m. SAVE THE DATE! You are invited to join the Shrove Tuesday outing to Pizza Express. £14.95 for a starter and main course + tea or any other hot drink. The menu will be available to view from 16 February when you will also be able to book.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesdays – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. Challoner's in recital on 4 February; A Bite Sized Service on 11 February; Community Connex Musicals on 18 February, and Great Sacred Music on 25 February.

INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH'S MONTHLY LUNCH GROUP

Following the COTHA United Communion Service in January, Amersham Free Church (AFC) has invited us to take part in the AFC Lunch group. The invitation says: "The AFC Lunch group meets on the third Friday of every month, apart from August. The idea is that we bring our own sandwiches/food and sit down in the Alfred Ellis Hall at 12.15-12.30. Then at 13.00 we adjourn to the Owen Room where we listen to our speaker. The talks are varied and usually interesting, and recently we have explored the Arctic, heard about Martin Luther and his reformation, whilst also going on a train journey in America. We suggest a donation of £3-£5 to go towards the cost of hiring speakers.

Our next speaker is Dr. Bob Bradnock, a member of (AFC's) congregation, who is an expert and will talk on 'India Today' on Friday 21 February.

We would welcome any friends from St Michael's to come and join us for that talk and subsequent talks as well. They should feel free also to bring friends and family.

If you would like any further information, please be in touch with Roland Gillott (roland.gillott@icloud.com or 01494 722674).

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER The Amersham Churches welcome all to Amersham Free Church, Woodside Road, Amersham, HP6 6AJ, for a World Day of Prayer Service on **Friday 7 March at 10.30a.m.** followed by coffee and cake. A Service for Everyone.

On site parking requires car owners to register their car numberplate details on the pad inside the church vestibule.