



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

**9 March 2025 – 1st 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. 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

486 The Lord is my light

145 Forty days and forty nights

312a Lord Jesus, think on me

### **Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Deuteronomy 26.1–11**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 91.1-11****Response: You are my God in whom I trust.**

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,  
 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I put my trust.' **Response**

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.  
 He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers,  
 his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler. **Response**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;  
 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday. **Response**

Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet it shall not come near you.  
 Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked. **Response**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold,  
 There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent. **Response**

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. **Response**

**Romans 10.8b-13***A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

**Luke 4.1-13**

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# Easter Services 2025

St Michael & All Angels Church - Church of England, Inclusive Church

**Ash Wednesday - 5 March, 10.30am & 7pm**

**Palm Sunday - 13 April, 8.30am & 10am**

**Maundy Thursday - 17 April, 8pm**

(Includes washing of feet)

**Good Friday - 18 April, 10am**

**& St Michael's Square at 11.30am**

**Holy Saturday - 19 April, Service of Light, 8pm**

**Easter Day - 20 April, 8.30am & 10am**



All Welcome 

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**\*\*\*\*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 have been sent out to everyone on the current Roll, and forms have been sent to those not on e-mail and are available to those who would prefer to apply offline. If you are having difficulty filling in the form please do get in touch. NOT ON THE ROLL BUT WOULD LIKE TO ENROL? Please speak to myself or Rachel via the Church Office (email: [office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk](mailto: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

**2025 LENT APPEAL** – This year the St Michael's Lent Appeal is, once again, the **Friends of St Anne's Hospital, Liuli, Tanzania**. More can be found about them on the charity's website <https://friends-of-st-annes.com/>. For reasons given in our March Newsletter, this will be the last time that this charity will be our chosen charity. Please give generously either through the card reader in the Narthex (to which gift aid is added), by cash or by cheque made out to "Friends of St Anne's Hospital" placed in the envelopes in the Narthex with gift aid forms."

**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.

**"POP IN AND PAINT"** – **Friday, 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 March – 2p.m.-4p.m – ANOTHER ROUND.** Four weary high school teachers embark on a risky experiment to maintain a constant level of intoxication throughout the work day. Subtitles. Running Time: 1hr. 52mins.

**AMERSHAM VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY – Wednesday, 12 March – 6.45p.m. – 8.15p.m.**

Pop in and Paint and Messy Church will be receiving awards for the community work they do. If you would like to support these groups as they receive the awards please email Rebecca on [rebecca.olsen@talktalk.net](mailto:rebecca.olsen@talktalk.net) by Sunday, 9 March. The awards will take place at Kings Church, Raans Road, Amersham HP6 6LX.

There will be refreshments available. The event is expected to last 60-90minutes.

**A CRAFTY CUPPA – 14 & 28 March – 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 March – 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.

**NEW CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – 1st Thursday of the month from Thursday, 3 April – 10am-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. Sharing experiences can be such a positive support in our cancer journeys.

**REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 1 May – 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 – Tuesdays, 11, 18 & 25 March – 12noon-2p.m.** - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. there will be a talk or recital.

**AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH MONTHLY LUNCH GROUP – Friday, 21 March – starts 12.15p.m.**

Our next meeting in the Alfred Ellis Hall at Amersham Free Church will be on Friday 21st March when the talk is entitled 'High Wycombe Unmasked' by Willie Reid, AFC member, who also leads walks around High Wycombe. Come and see images of the original railway station and trains, learn how a US air base in the town proved pivotal in winning the Second World War and hear about the mediaeval Hospital of St John the Baptist and the beginnings of the welfare state. As usual we will sit down to eat our own food at 12.15p.m.-12.30p.m. with the meeting starting at 1.00p.m. Suggested donation £3-£5. All are very welcome.

'History tells you where you are going and why.

History makes you smart, heritage makes you proud.'

William Callaway, historian, US 8th Air Force

**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.