



St Michael  
and All Angels  
Parish Church  
of  
Amersham-on-the-Hill

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# Newsletter

APRIL 2022



## HE IS RISEN!



## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday

10. 10 am

Commemorating Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and preparing for Holy Week

### Maunder Thursday

April 14. 8 pm

Commemorating the Last Supper.

### Good Friday

April 15. 10 am

Contemplating the Crucifixion

### Holy Saturday

April 16.ing 8 pm

Celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter

## EASTER DAY

Celebrating the great mystery of the Resurrection and the coming of new life. Eucharists at 8.30 am and 10 am



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**St Michael's Vision Statement**

*As a Christian community, we seek to engage with the world around us and to be a place of welcome and acceptance for all on a journey to God – believers, doubters and those who are seeking.*

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Vicar or the PCC or the official policy of St Michael's Church.

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## COMMENT

### Spring Saints

The month of March sees the commemoration of several saints. The first of these is **Saint David (Dewi Sant)**, the patron saint of Wales, who is remembered on March 1.

According to tradition, David was born in Henfynyw in Ceredigion and was especially renowned for his teaching and as an inspiring preacher. He founded many monastic settlements in Wales and St David's Cathedral stands on the site of the monastery he founded in Pembrokeshire. His most well-known miracle is said to have taken place at the Synod of Brefi. As he was preaching, the ground on which he stood is said to have risen up to form a small hill and a white dove settled on his shoulder. The white dove subsequently became his emblem.

#### **St Patrick**

St Patrick was a fifth century Romano-British missionary in Ireland. Born in Britain, it is said that at the age of sixteen he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland. Here he was used as a slave looking after livestock, mainly sheep. He later wrote that this time was critical to his spiritual development, leading him to convert to Christianity. After six years he escaped and returned to his family but, after becoming a cleric, he returned to Ireland, baptising thousands of people, and ordaining priests to lead the new Christian communities.

#### **Catherine of Siena**

Catherine was a lay member of the Dominican Order, a mystic, activist and author. Born in March 1347 she is said to have had her first vision of Christ when she was about five. She decided at the age of seven and against the wishes of her parents, to devote herself to God. Later she joined the mantellate, a group of pious women, who devoted themselves to Dominican spirituality. She then travelled through northern and central Italy advocating reform of the clergy and advising people that repentance and renewal could be done 'through the total love of God.'

In 1377 she founded a women's monastery of strict observance outside Siena; she also became involved in politics and was instrumental in restoring the Papacy to Rome.

**Di Bacon**

# Introducing...

Anne Little introduces another group that uses the Hall for their weekly sessions

## Mature Movers

This is a fun class for people 50+ who want to get or stay fit. We exercise to music both standing and sitting.

The class is a mix of exercise standing and moving around and seated exercise for strength and toning.

The original class was – many years ago - run by Margaret Tillcock who was quite well known locally, I took it over when she could no longer do so. And I have been teaching this group since 2016. We tend to run in terms that allow grandparents to pick up their grandchild – if they need to — and be available during the school break.

If you wish to know more please contact Anne on 873576 or email her at [anne.little@talk21.com](mailto:anne.little@talk21.com)

**Mature Movers Exercise Class**  
**Mondays 1.45-2.45 pm**



*Anne Little*

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## This month's film

The final film for this season at the Wise Choices Film Club will be

### Judy

Renee Zellweger gives a performance of a lifetime. Featuring some of Judy Garland's best-known songs. This film celebrates the later life, the voice and the sheer pizzazz of the 'world's greatest entertainer'



**Friday April 8**

**2 pm**

**Wheeler Room**

## TEN SUGGESTIONS

### A personal reworking of the Ten Commandments

During Lent I have been reflecting on the Ten Commandments seeking a deeper understanding of what they most truly convey in order to be better able to live in internal harmony with them, as suggested by Larry Warner in his book *Discovering the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius*. Here's what I have come up with:

	<b>Exodus 20:2-17 (NRSV)</b>	<b>My Suggestion</b>
1	You shall have no other gods before me	Turn your heart towards God whenever you find yourself turned away.
2	You shall not make for yourself an idol	Notice and be honest with yourself when anything starts to assume greater importance in your life than it really warrants.
3	You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.	Rather than claiming to speak for God, own what you say and speak from your own experience with honesty and humility.
4	Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.	Recognise your need for rest and take time to reflect on your week and savour the good things in it.
5	Honour your father and your mother.	Appreciate the positives you received from your parents, forgive their mistakes and inadequacies, and take care of them with kindness when they need your help.
6	You shall not murder.	In all your relationships try to bring out the best in the other person.
7	You shall not commit adultery.	Try to co-create a lifelong mutually fulfilling relationship where you each help the other to become fully alive.
8	You shall not steal.	Be generous in giving what you have and only take what is offered to you openly and with love.
9	You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.	Seek for truth without distortion in everything you think, say and do.
10	You shall not covet your neighbour's house or anything that belongs to your neighbour.	Be happy for others when they have good things, share their joy without seeking to possess them for yourself.

**I wonder what your Ten Suggestions might be?**

**Diane Rutter, Lent 2022**

## Friends of St Anne's no longer able to pack and send goods to the hospital

In October 2020 Friends of St Anne's Hospital lost their packing centre, as the site is to be re-developed. Before leaving they managed to pack 56 parcels of aid and transport them to the docks for shipment to the hospital.

But their volunteer workforce, many of them of advancing years, need a break and a new base would be needed, so the supply of goods to the hospital has been suspended. "A massive thank you to the packing team", writes lady chairman, Judith James, "and their long-suffering families for the extreme effort to clear the centre and pack everything ready for the container. Many thanks, too, to the hospitals and medical establishments who have

kindly donated medical equipment, which is greatly appreciated at St Anne's Hospital.

But the Friends are continuing to support the hospital. As mentioned last month they have completed the work on the external plumbing. "We are now moving," writes Judith, "to the internal work, starting with the out-patients' department. There are still many projects needing help (funds permitting, such as internal plumbing for the wards."

Liuli has not been badly affected by Covid, due to the remoteness of the area but adds Judith, "hospital staff are extremely worried about the [omicron] variant in case it spreads further north."

## Our Lent Appeal

If you would like to support St Anne's Hospital in Liuli, Tanzania, please send your donation by bank transfer to:

**Friends of St Anne's Hospital**  
**Sort Code: 52 21 18**  
**Account\; 22627804**  
**Please mark it St Michael's Appeal.**

Or you can send a cheque to:

**Mrs Madeline Cole**  
**64 Porteous Crescent**  
**Chandlers Ford**  
**SO53 2DH**

### APCM

The Church's annual meeting will be at 10 pm on

**Sunday May 15**

## Visit by Bishop Steven to Amersham Deanery Thursday May 5

Our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Steven Croft, the Bishop of Oxford, will be making a visit to the Amersham Deanery, of which we are part, on Thursday May 5.

This will be an evening event to which all members of St Michael's are invited. It will be from 6:30 pm onwards and will include displays by the churches in the Deanery (including St Michael's) with refreshments, followed by Celebra-

tion Evening Worship with a talk by Bishop Steven, and then a Question and Answer session with Bishop Steven.

If you intend to be at the event, it will be helpful if you will let the Church Office know by email: [office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk). or by telephone: 726680.

The event will be held at St Mary's Chesham, the address of which is St Mary's

Church, Church Street, Chesham, Bucks HP5 1HY. The closest car park is the Water Meadow Car Park, HP5 1LF.

There is some limited parking directly outside the church for those who have reduced mobility. Contact the St Mary's Parish Office if you need this: email: [hello@stmaryschesham.org](mailto:hello@stmaryschesham.org) or telephone: 783629.

**Roland Gillott**



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**DIARY**

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**Eucharists will be celebrated each week**  
**Sundays 8.30 am and 10 am**  
**Tuesdays 10.30 am**

The church is open for private prayer from 10am until 4 pm Monday—Friday. The votive candle stand has been moved into the Lady Chapel, which has been set aside as a place of quiet.

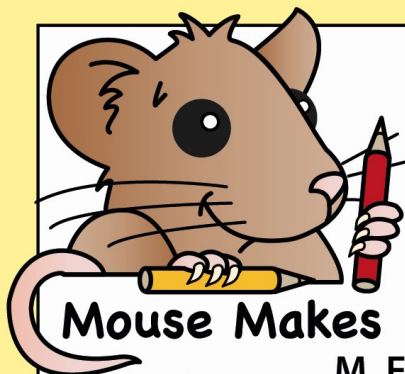
The following link, [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-KJtHzLo0w2CM6RQI\\_50yg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-KJtHzLo0w2CM6RQI_50yg) will access live-streamed services.

**Weekly Activities in the Hall**

Mondays	Mature Movers. 1.45—2.45 pm Dance Studio. Hall. Children from 3+. Afternoon.
Tuesdays	Tuffney Performing Arts Academy. 4.30 pm Yoga classes 6 pm
Wednesdays	Karate Club. Hall. Beginners/Junior 6 —7 pm. Intermediate/Senior 7—8 pm
Thursdays	Dance Studio. Hall. Children from 3+. Afternoon.
Fridays	Stay Steady, Stay Strong.. Hall. 1.30—2.30 pm Karate Club. Hall 6 —8.30 pm

**Other activities in April**

Friday	Apr 1	Pop in and Paint. 10.30 am—12.15 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr 3</b>	<b>Lent 5. Warden: Claire Sinclair. (07591 954701)</b>
Tuesday	Apr 5	LUNCH BREAK. Railway Days. Free Church. 1.10 pm
Wednesday	Apr 6	Nappy Days. 1.30—3 pm Lent discussion group. Zoom. 7 pm
Friday	Apr 8	Crafty Cuppa. 19.30 am—12.30 pm Wise Choices Film Club. <i>Judy</i> Wheeler Room. 2 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr 10</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY. Warden: Roland Gillott (722674)</b>
Tuesday	Apr 12	LUNCH BREAK. Music for Holy Week. Free Church. 1.10 pm
Wednesday	Apr 13	Nappy Days. 1.30—3 pm
Thursday	Apr 14	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY. Eucharist 8 pm</b> <b>Warden Roger Leslie (726362)</b>
Friday	Apr 15	<b>GOOD FRIDAY. Contemplative service. 10 am.</b> <b>Warden: Alan Bacon (774870)</b>
Saturday	Apr 16	<b>HOLY SATURDAY. Eucharist. 8 pm, Warden: Roland Gillott (722674)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr 17</b>	<b>EASTER DAY. Warden: Roger Leslie (726362)</b>
Tuesday	Apr 19	LUNCH BREAK. Talk: Hector Fordyce, .Free Church. 1.10 pm
Wednesday	Apr 20	Nappy Days. 1.30—3 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr 25</b>	<b>Easter 2. Warden: Hazel Miller (773189)</b>
Tuesday	Apr 27	LUNCH BREAK. Talk: Janet Reid. Free Church. 1.10 pm



## Mouse Makes



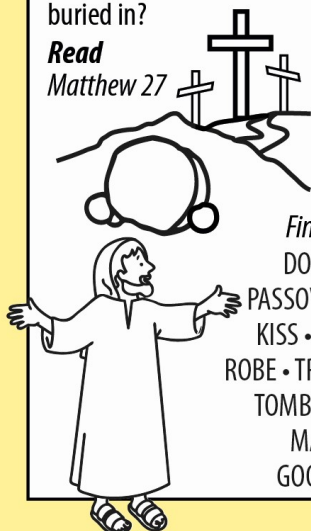
Who betrayed Jesus?  
Who denied Jesus?

**Read** Matthew 26:17-75



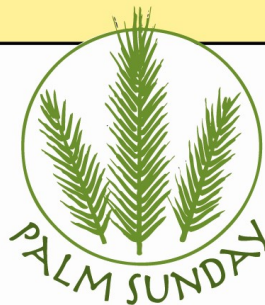
What did the soldiers put on Jesus at his crucifixion?  
What time did Jesus die?  
Whose tomb was Jesus buried in?

**Read** Matthew 27



HAPPY EASTER!

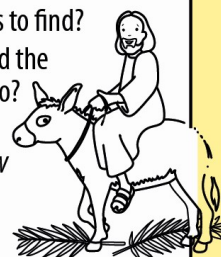
Jesus has risen!  
Jesus is with us!  
Jesus will come again!



What did Jesus send the disciples to find?

What did the crowd do?

**Read** Matthew 21:1-11



What did Jesus do at Passover?

**Read** Matthew 26:17-30



On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb?

What had happened to Jesus?

**Read** Matthew 28



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