

15 March '26

Please come and join us
here at

St. Michael & All Angels
to celebrate

Mothering Sunday at
8.30am or 10am



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS — Parish Church of Amersham on the Hill

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MOTHERING SUNDAY

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*My sermon today comes from
Apps Chapter 1 beginning at verse 2...*

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, PCC or the official policy of St. Michael's Church.

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Please email material for inclusion in the next issue to
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From the Editor...

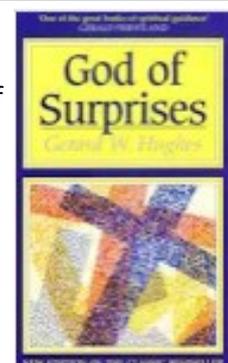
At the time of writing this, the February session of Messy Church has just taken place. A few days before the session I sent a copy of the activities to one of the other leaders who sent a laughing emoji back. The session was ambitious, including several activities that could have gone very wrong. Not only that, a few of the leaders were away and it was half term, which usually means the church will be either full or totally empty. When the day came around we actually had more leaders than I expected, and the session ended up being an uplifting exploration of 1 Corinthians 12.12-26. We explored feelings and communicating those feelings to others; living in peace with others; how the breath of the Holy Spirit moves us; how every part of the body is important, has its perfect place and purpose, however big or small, and how we are each so important as part of the body of Christ. The activities concluded with the children singing 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' but pointing to different parts of the body than the parts we were singing about, to demonstrate how important it is each part is where it belongs. It was great fun.

If you would like an opportunity to come along and help out at Messy Church please contact the office to let us know.

Theme – Healthy body, healthy soul <i>Life in all its fullness!</i>	Craft	To think about.....
<p style="text-align: center;">Don't forget! Parents and Carers, you are responsible for your children at ALL times!</p>	Mr & Mrs Potato Head. Have fun putting them together in weird ways.	...talk about how the different parts of the body have specific jobs.
	Pea planting. Plant the seeds and water them. Write on a stick 'live at peas with everyone' plant in pot with seed, and have a laugh!	..talk about how God loves it when people find ways of making peace with each other. What can you do to keep the peace at home, school or work? Let your plant as it grows remind you to be a peacemaker
	Rainbow hand body. Place your hand carefully in the paint and make an imprint of it inside the body outline banner.	... talk about how everybody's hand shapes and sizes are different. Then look at all the different colours people have chosen. Yet they are all hands! Would the picture be better all in one colour?
	Broken-heart fridge magnets. Use template to draw heart on the stiff card, then cut out. Colour it and glue on the message 'Be at peace with each other'. Then cut in two and place a magnet on each half.	...talk about..... When things go wrong in our family we can take one half of the heart as a way of saying we're sad. Then we can stick them back together again to say sorry and be friends again.
	Balloon powered cars. Follow the instructions given by the leader on your table to create your Balloon powered car!	... talk about what gives our bodies energy to move and what the breath of God's Spirit can do to energise us.
	Body Parts! Find, decorate and join together the different parts of the body. Don't leave any part out!	...talk about how all the different parts of the body are equally important.

The Lent course is now underway, but it's not too late to join in! If you would like to take part please let Rachel know. The book that is core to the focus of the sessions, *God of Surprises*, is an exploration of spirituality. In particular, this Lent the group will reflect on the ministry and Passion of Jesus and investigate how this season we can learn better to walk the way of the cross.

Following a recent meeting between St. Michael's and the Amersham Free Church regarding opportunities to help each other work towards the ROCHA Green Church awards a questioner will be drawn up soon for your comments regarding what you would like to see happening. Keep your eyes open!



St. Michael's 2026 Lent Appeal



PROJECT POSSIBLE

Project Possible

Project Possible is a small Christian charity based in High Wycombe, with over 30 years' experience opening doors of opportunity for communities who feel forgotten.

Around the world, many vulnerable communities live with constant uncertainty about how they will provide for their needs and often struggle with shame and a loss of hope. We believe every community is rich with potential. That's why we partner with local Christian-led organisations to develop small, sustainable projects that spark lasting change.

Be the spark

Together, we empower individuals to restore their dignity, develop their skills and confidence, and build livelihoods that can support their families for years to come. As lives are transformed, they are laying the foundation for strong, confident communities to flourish.

Anne's story is one example. In Kimilili, Kenya, she faced overwhelming challenges as her eldest daughter lived in pain due to a condition called club foot. Through our local partners, Dreamland Mission Hospital, her daughter received life-changing surgery, bringing healing and renewed hope to the whole family.

Following the surgery, Anne continued to work where she could, mostly cleaning homes and relying on her brothers to care for her children. But then she had an idea.

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During a visit to the bustling market near her home, Anne noticed that no shops were selling everyday household items. She saw an opportunity, and all she needed was some start-up capital.

With the support of compassionate people like you, Anne was able to bring her idea to life. She quickly diversified her product range and envisioned becoming the go-to shop in the market.

Today, her shop is thriving, enabling her to pay school fees. *"When I think of where we have come from, I am just amazed. Thank you for supporting me."*

Anne's success has motivated her to continue building her business and save diligently. She hopes to purchase a plot of land soon, which will be a significant step toward greater security for her family.

She is also inspired by the support she received from our partner, Dreamland Mission Hospital, and she now actively gives back to others. Anne is an ambassador for the hospital and mentors other parents in starting small businesses.

We were delighted that our CEO, Dave Pepper, was able to share more with you in February about how God is working through Project Possible to bring hope, dignity and opportunity to communities around the world.



If you would like to help St. Michael's support Project Possible...

you may do so via the card machine in the narthex, by filling an envelope and handing it to the office or via the QR code below.



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.

A hymn by Revd. Ally Barrett for Mothering Sunday

For those who give us life and breath

Tune: O Waly Waly

For those who gave us life and breath,
For love that’s stronger far than death,
Today we bring our thankful hearts,
For all a mothering love imparts.

For kindness, patience, warmth and care,
For each embrace, each smile, each tear,
Each word of peace, each healing touch,
These simple gifts which mean so much.

We look to you, our mothering Lord,
Who shows love’s cost, and love’s reward,
Your passion fiercer than the grave,
Nailed to the world you came to save.

So teach your people how to live,
How to endure, how to forgive,
Teach us to trust, to sacrifice,
To share the love that has no price.

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GREEN CORNER

Think about buying local seasonal flowers, like daffodils, hyacinths, crocuses, and early tulips, when choosing flowers for Mothering Sunday.

Other key seasonal flowers and foliage include hellebores, camellias, anemones, muscari, and delicate spring blossom such as blackthorn and cherry.

DO YOU LOVE PRAYING?

Would you like to join the confidential prayer link group or would you like to know more about this?

Contact Joy Johns:

joymjohns@googlemail.co.uk

Giving

Many of us pay our Giving to St. Michael’s either by standing order or by regular cheque payment. This is why the collection bag can ‘whiz’ past members of the congregation without them seemingly contributing to the running of the Church.

Giving in this way can appear not to be included in the Offertory and so we have designed laminated tokens to be used by members of the congregation using the banking system, should they wish. The tokens are in a basket in the Narthex; just pick one up as you arrive for a service and place it in the Offertory bag and your Giving will be presented at the Altar.

These tokens are particularly meaningful at Services such as Baptisms when the ‘whizzing’ bag can often be understood!

Eucharists:

Sundays 8.30am and 10am
(Gathered Round on the second Sunday of each month is especially designed for families)

Tuesdays 10.30am

Morning Prayer:

Tuesdays 9am in the Lady Chapel.

Special Services: Mothering Sunday, 15 March 8.30am & 10am
Palm Sunday— 29 March — 8.30am & 10am

Messy Church: 21 March '26

(The third Saturday each month 11.30am—1pm, EXCEPT AUGUST)

St. Michael's is usually open to ALL for private prayer from 10am—4pm— Mon— Fri.

WORSHIP

WARDENS

1 March — Roger Leslie
8 March— Claire O'Beirne
15 March— Alan Bacon
22 March—Roland Gillott
29 March—Roger Leslie

Please see:

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for more details

ACTIVITIES AT ST. MICHAEL'S & BEYOND

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP— Thursday, 5 March— 10am-12 noon—St. Michael's, Wheeler Room
Tea, Coffee and Support

POP IN & PAINT— Friday, 6 March —10.30am-12.15pm, St. Michael's, Main Church
Join Jenny Thompson and Liz Grammenos from Simpatico. No experience needed. Materials provided.

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB—Friday, 6 March —2pm-4pm, St. Michael's, Wheeler Room

THE CRITIC Stars Ian McKellen. A dark and sharp witted thriller set in 1930s London theatre land. 1hr. 40mins.

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

A CRAFTY CUPPA— Friday, 13 & 27 March — 10.30am-12 noon—St. Michael's, Wheeler Room
A drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. Feel free to bring a craft with you.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 7 March – 10.a.m.-1p.m.—St Michael's Church

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.

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church Every Tuesday – 12noon-2pm
Tea, coffee and soup available **1.10pm-1.30pm** Music, a talk, or a short service.

FRIDAY LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 20 March— from 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church.
A talk will be given by Liz Instone, a retired teacher, entitled 'Tales from 40 years of teaching'.

Mondays **Stay Steady, Stay Strong** 3pm-4pm (Tel: 07951 294178)

Amersham Dance Studio Children from 3+. 4pm-10pm
(email: emma@amershamdancestudio.co.uk)

Tuesdays **Tuffney Performing Arts Academy** 5pm-6pm
(Email: office@tuffney.com)

Yoga with Shiv 5pm—7pm (Glover Rm) (Science based approach, open to all. Tel: 07815132157)

Amersham A Capella 7pm-11pm (<https://www.amershamacappella.com/>)

Wednesdays **Karate Club** 6.30pm-8pm (Tel: 07951 024 397)

Badminton Club 8.15pm-10.15 pm (Tel: 01923 264791)

Thursdays **Badminton** 1.30pm-3.30pm

Amersham Dance Studio Children from 3+. 4pm-7pm
(email: emma@amershamdancestudio.co.uk)

Fridays **Stay Steady, Stay Strong** 1.30pm-3.45pm (Tel: 07951 294178)

Please see stmichaelsamersham.org.uk if you would like to book the hall.

For information about **Little Learners Nursery** please see <https://littlelearnersamersham.co.uk>

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE HALL

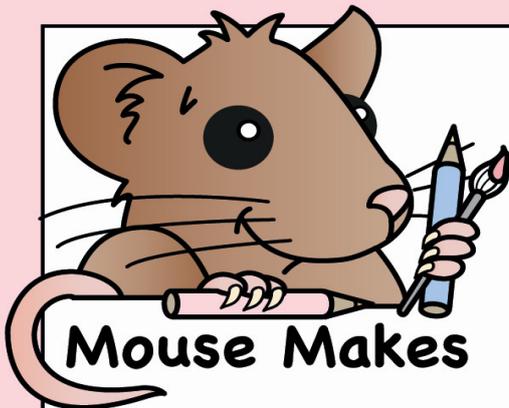
Saturday, 21 March, Messy Church

will be on in St. Michael's from 11.30am to 1pm. Fun activities followed by a short interactive session about the story behind the activities, and lunch, which is provided for all. No need to book, just turn up. All welcome. This activity is free but donations are welcome to cover costs.



**Congratulations to
Obadiah and Rachel,
whose wedding banns
will be read during
March.**

DIARY MARCH '26



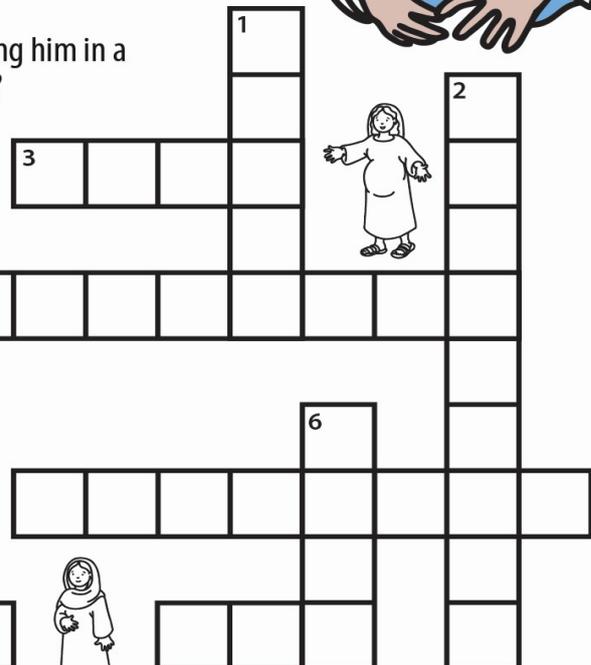
Mouse Makes

The Bible has many stories of mothers who had great faith in God. With their love, care, encouragement and prayers their children grew up to be great people of God.



Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

Exodus 2:1-3 and 6:20



Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?
Genesis 17:19



Across

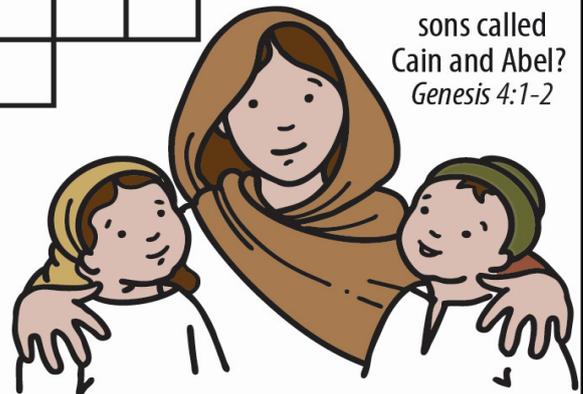
- 3. **Obed's** mother
Matthew 1:5
- 4. **John's** mother
Luke 1:57-60
- 7. **Reuben's** mother
Genesis 29:32
- 8. **Joseph's** mother
Genesis 30:22-24
- 9. **Jesus'** mother
Acts 1:14

Down

- 1. **Boaz's** mother
Matthew 1:5
- 2. **Solomon's** mother
1 Kings 1:11
- 4. **Timothy's** mother
2 Timothy 1:5
- 5. **Ishmael's** mother
Genesis 16:15
- 6. **Jacob and Esau's** mother
Genesis 25:21-26

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?
1 Samuel 1:20

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?
Genesis 4:1-2



Answer the questions then put them into the crossword

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