

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

NEWSLETTER **OCTOBER '24**

**Who's Who at
St. Michael & All Angels**

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Using the QR codes to donate to church was always more difficult after Messy Church had taken place...

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 communications@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk, for the attention of Rebecca, by 18 October.

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FROM THE EDITOR... During September the Harvest Appeal for Carers Bucks kicked off with an inspiring talk in church accompanied by a video made by young people who are also carers. Donations towards the charity are very welcome and can be made via the card machine in the entrance to St Michael's. Also in September we had the St. Michael's Day Celebrations, to which the whole community was invited, starting with wet felting on the Friday, followed by a fun day on Saturday and an uplifting service on the Sunday. Pictures are on the next page! If you missed out on helping out at this event and would like to offer help for a future event, contact Kiki, who has outlined below the help she needs for the Christmas Tree Festival later this year. - **Rebecca**

St Michael's Day Celebrations (September 28th 2024) By Neil Lynch

What a wonderful time we had! What lovely people shared in our celebrations!

So much joy and so many people having fun. A community chatting, laughing, cheering uplifting performances, all very clearly celebrating together.

On reflection it was a day of contrasting experiences, which at first you may think would contradict and jar.

A day where the power and magnificence of organ music sat so easily with the quiet ethereal tones of the bansuri

flute, tabla and harmonium; where a traditional Hindustani dance group charmed and then went on to share in the challenge of learning modern Jive with Rebecca and Franco; where street dance, ballet and show dancing were so seamlessly blended; where soul-moving soloists sang, and children danced equally movingly to "Singin' in the rain".

And while all this buzz of happy celebration continued, the quiet dignified contrast of the display of vestments in the sanctuary area (presented so beautifully), also sat comfortably and impressively joyful too.

We started our day with Prayer, so wonderfully answered, as all these contrasts of style, culture and human experience somehow melded together in a much greater harmony.

A revelation of the talent we are blest with. A remarkable day for all the community.

Planning this year's Christmas Tree Festival

We'd love to hear from anyone willing to help with the various tasks that need volunteers to make this event successful, raising desperately needed funds for Wycombe Homeless Connection.

Please email kiki@akipl.com if you are able to help with any of the following:

- Tuesday, 26 November—11am-1pm setting up trees
- Wednesday, 27 November—10.30am-12.30pm serving coffee or being on hand to assist the Groups decorating
- Saturday, 30 November—sometime between 10am and 4.30pm welcoming in the Narthex at the Christmas Fayre
- Saturday, 7 December—sometime between approx. 9.45am and 3pm at the 'Choirs, Coffee and Cake' event, welcoming in the Narthex, collecting donations, or serving refreshments.
- Thursday, 2 January—10.30-12.30pm clearing away the trees

In addition we are looking for help with:

- ◆ publicity—especially covering social media.
- ◆ An 'Official Photographer' to help with current and future promotions.
- ◆ Anyone willing to sponsor (£25) a tree which we could offer a local Charity, giving them the opportunity to raise awareness. The Charity would be required to come and decorate the tree themselves.





Photos by LLM Katherine Hyde, Neil Lynch, Rachel Wilcox and Rosie Marciniak



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Vestments &

**other photos
from the St.
Michael's Day
Celebrations.**

**A special thanks
to all who helped
organise, to those
who assisted on
the day,
to those who
performed and
those who pre-
pared performers,
to all who
advertised the
event, and to
those who
attended.**

These things will last forever

By Cathy Franklin

1 Corinthians 13:13 “Three things will last forever: faith hope, and love and the greatest of these is love. Paul has, in 1 Corinthians, described various spiritual gifts and ways we can show Godly living. The gifts of tongues, prophecy with understanding and faith that could move mountains. Yet it is love that is the greatest.

Faith is one of the first things we learn about as Christians. But the purpose of faith is not to influence our own comfort. The purpose of faith is to lead us to the heart of God and then trust the ways of the Living God to guide us.

Hope can be defined as a “feeling of trust”, hope is the expectation, the certainty, that there is something more to seek. Hope is the fuel that keeps faith alive in our quest for love.

In our spiritual journey we can get to a place of complacency where we are good with what we have. This is not good. We need to continue to seek wisdom. We should be growing, moving and continually adding to what we know. This is what keeps hope alive.

Paul makes it clear that the greatest spiritual gift is love. Love is the goal. Love comes from God. We love because God first loved us. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. The purpose of love is a revelation of identity and to tell us who God is.

When you are shown love, you ignite a new belief of what you could be. Then you become hopeful that there is still good in the world. Then you love yourself. Then you share this love with others and spark this cycle over and over again. This is our beginning, our new beginnings and our forever.

Solace

I
I glide through an
open door
Into Sacredness –
At once my Heart
stills,
As I greet you, Lord,
All clamour ceasing.

II
Slowly, my breath
deepens
Letting me down
by a silken cord,
To bathe in silver pools
Whose ripples
hold me,
Weightless
In your healing streams.

By Janet Gibbs

A Break for Ukrainian Young People

Not Christmas just yet! No, but in our area Christmas helping-hand plans started as early as last July for some young people living in Ukraine.

You might remember Judith Palfreman in Little Chalfont and the help we gave some time ago, via her contacts, to people in Syria. From the very beginning of the Russian invasion she has also been hosting a refugee, Alina Fursa.

She says that Alina, together with other refugees in Chorleywood and its local community are fundraising to bring over 30 Ukrainian young people and children in December 'to give them a treat and a break from their very tough circumstances. All of them have lost at least one and possibly both parents.

The hope is to give them a taste of Christmas away for two weeks from the stress of war.

So Alina, her local friends and others in the UK are fundraising for a Children's Rehabilitation Camp, to make this possible.

If you would like to support this project which hopes to raise £30,000, go to the *JustGiving* link, or have a word with Judith or Alina for more details.

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www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ukrehabilitationcamp2024

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.

Messy Church: 19 October '24

(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. <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>, will access live-streamed services.

WORSHIP

WARDENS

6 Oct Claire Sinclair
13 Oct Andy Connor
20 Oct Roland Gillott
27 Oct Roger Leslie

Please see:
stmichaelsamersham.org.uk
for more details

ACTIVITIES AT ST. MICHAEL'S & BEYOND

POP IN & PAINT— 4 October —10.30am-12.15pm, St. Michael's, main church

Join Jenny Thompson and Liz Grammenos from Simpatico. No experience needed. Materials provided.

A CRAFTY CUPPA—11 & 25 October — 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.

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

THE DUKE Set in 1961. Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren give a heartwarming performance, about the true story of the one and only theft from the National Gallery in London. The portrait of the 'Duke of Wellington.' 1hr 35mins.

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church

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

Mondays **Tiny Talk—Baby Signing** 11am (Tel: 07809 157 428)
Mature Movers 1.45pm-2.45pm
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 6pm—8pm (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).
Tuffney Performing Arts Academy 4.45pm-5.45pm

Thursdays **Badminton** 1.30pm-3.30pm
Amersham Dance Studio Children from 3+. 4pm-7pm
(email: emma@amershamdancestudio.co.uk)
Stay Steady, Stay Strong 1.30pm-2.30pm (Tel: 07951 294178)

Saturdays **Popstars Academy** 9.30am-12pm (email: hazel@popstarsacademy.com).

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, 19 October, Messy Church

will be on in St. Michael's from 11.30am to 1pm, including fun activities from making stained glass windows to sweet Bible scrolls, and much more. The theme of the session is, 'The light of Christ' and is based on **Luke 11.33**. After all the making there will be a short interactive session about the story behind the activities, followed by 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.



LEARN TO DANCE MODERN JIVE in 8 weeks!

ALL WELCOME
Just turn up
new class every week

From Friday, 4 October

7.30pm-9pm

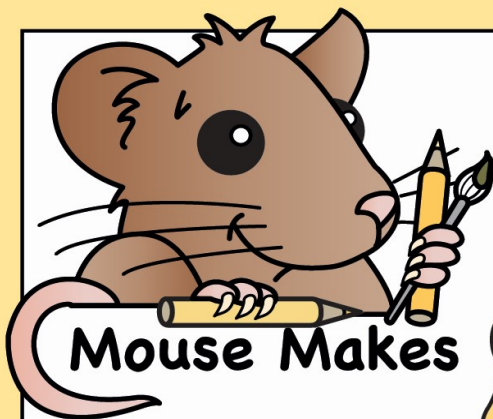
St. Michael's Church Hall

Classes are free.
Donations towards
St. Michael & All Angels
are welcome.



Weddings, Births and Deaths

DIARY OCTOBER '24



Mouse Makes

WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11

"For we **walk** by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the

"
Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12



"**Walk** in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

"_____
is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1

GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK
WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!