



Welcome to St. Michael and All Angels, Amersham on the Hill.

Please take this sheet home with you for future reference.
18 February, 2018 **1st Sunday of Lent**
8.00am. - Said Eucharist

10.00am. Sung Eucharist with Healing: Laying on of Hands and Anointing

We invite you to stay for tea, coffee or juice, served in the area to the left of the altar after the 10.00am. service.

You can follow the service in the booklet given to you as you came in. This week's readings are printed out below. Please use the time before the service to be quiet and to prepare for worship.

Introit (sung by the choir) Lent Prose v.1

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.**

Genesis 9.8–17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.' For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25 vv. 1-9

(8.00am. only)

Response; To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Response

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.

Response

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

Response

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **Response**

Mark 1.9–15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Peace

Shalom, shalom may peace be with you. Shalom, shalom.

In all that you do may peace be with you. Shalom, shalom.

Music during Communion (sung by the choir) *Taizé Chants*

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.**

Services this week

THE LADY CHAPEL is available for prayer and meditation from 9.30am. Monday-Saturday.

MONDAY-SATURDAY 9.00am. MORNING PRAYER from 'Celebrating Common Prayer' - Lady Chapel

A gentle 20 minute service of prayer, psalms and readings. All welcome at any time. There is a simplified service booklet available in the Lady Chapel, which can be used by anyone, should no priest be present.

TUESDAY 10.30am. SAID EUCHARIST

NEXT SUNDAY 8.00am. SAID EUCHARIST

10.00am. SUNG EUCHARIST

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22.22-end; Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-end

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

CROSSBEAMS, Joy Tobler's latest poetry collection, with illustrations by Ron Haddock, is available after the services in February. Its focus is the Cross, and it could therefore be used as a devotional aid in Lent. (Cost £6.00)

WHEELER COFFEE –St Michael's – Tuesday, 20 February - 10.00am. – midday

Hot drinks and/or squash with biscuits, with an opportunity for a chat.

QUIET MORNING – St. Michael's - Wheeler Room – Thursday, 22 February – 10.00am. – 12.15pm.

A time of reflection and silence, a space to relax gently with God. Any queries to Joy Tobler Tel. 818172.

"POP IN AND PAINT" - St Michael's – Friday, 23 February– 10.30am. – 12.15pm.

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 to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too! Further information from Judy Redpath on 725271.

LENT APPEAL - ST. ANNE'S HOSPITAL, LIULI – Sale of Cards– Sunday, 25 February after 8.00am. and 10.00am. services

Keith and Hazel Adamson will be offering notelets for sale on behalf of the charity. These are publishers' remainders at knock-down prices. The pictures are prints from original watercolours painted by a member of the Guild of Waterways artists, a long-standing friend of the Adamsons.

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB- Wheeler Room- Friday, 02 March – 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Mrs Caldicott's Cabbage War – starring Pauline Collins, John Alderton and Peter Capaldi. On the death of her husband, Mrs. Caldicott's life changes when her son and daughter-in-law place her in "The Twilight Years" rest home. Upset with the care in the home, she leads a revolt. A great comedy. Running time – 106 mins.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 07 March - 3.00pm. 3.30pm. & 4.15pm.

Sessions last 30 minutes. Please arrive before the start of your preferred time. Appointments are not necessary. If you would like to come but need transport, please call Joy Johns on 729061.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL –Sunday, 11 March– after the 10.00am. service

Orders for items should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office to ensure availability on the monthly stall.

MESSY CHURCH–St Michael's - Saturday, 17 March - 11.30am. – 1.00pm.

Family Fun Saturday! Crafts. Song and Dance. Lunch for everyone. You choose what you want to do. No need to book in advance. Just come along. No charge.

DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE – Sunday, 15 July

St. Michael's will be running classes to prepare candidates for confirmation prior to this service. Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Rev. Debbie.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS –until the end of February

There are still collecting boxes under the letters table where you can leave your cards. We are asked to exclude any cards with glitter, as this causes problems for the volunteer team when cutting and glueing to create the new cards.

COTHA WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER – 13-19 May : ARE YOU WILLING TO BE A HOST?

You may have read about the Week of Accompanied Prayer in the Newsletter. A number of hosts are needed to offer overnight accommodation for six nights from Sunday, May 13 to the morning of Saturday, May 19, for the Companions or Prayer Guides, who will be guiding the participants through the week. Hosts are asked to provide breakfast for their guest, but not lunch or evening meal (other than a meal on the Sunday evening). If you can help with this, please will you let Roland Gillott know - roland.gillott@btinternet.com or tel 722674.

PRAYER CHAIN AND PRAYER WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

A number of people pray at home for St. Michael's and for specific needs or thanksgivings that people may have. If you would like to be part of this network or have a prayer request, please contact Joy Tobler on 818172. If anyone would like prayer with laying on of hands, either for themselves or for someone else, this ministry is available after church services. Please ask a member of the healing team, whose names are on the 'Healing Board', or any of the clergy.

NOT ONE FOR LUNCH

There will not be a lunch in February, so the next one will take place on March 19th.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 20 February - Midday to 2pm.

Lunch Café with coffee, speciality teas and snack lunches, daily newspapers. The church is open for quiet reflection and offers a varied programme of music, worship, meditation and speakers between 1.10pm. and 1.30pm. We are open for anyone who wants a bit of an oasis during the week at lunch time every Tuesday.

This week: Anna LeHair at the piano

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday, 02 March- St. John's Methodist Church – 11.00am.

Everyone is welcome at this service (not just women!) This year's service has been put together by women in Suriname. The speaker will be Heather Wright from St. John's. The service will be followed by coffee and cakes.

COTHA OPEN MEETING – The Owen Room, Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 06 March – 3.00pm. – 4.30pm.

This is to discuss the ongoing work amongst the churches of St. Michael's , St. John's and Amersham Free Church. Tea will be served from 3.00pm. The meeting starts at 3.30pm.

'CALLED TO BE CHRIST- LIKE' - Buckingham Area Day Conference with the Bishop of Oxford - Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Oxford Road, Aylesbury HP21 8PE - Saturday 24th. March – 10.00am. - 4.30pm.

We have been encouraged by Revd. Gill Lovell, the person who has spoken to us about our Mission Action Plan, to attend this conference. The day is FREE but booking is essential, either through Eventbrite at 'bucksareaconference.eventbrite.co.uk' or by email to 'bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org'. Bishop Steven, the Bishop of Oxford, will be there, together with Bishop Alan, our area bishop. We are called to be contemplative, compassionate, courageous people, and churches of the Beatitudes. There will be an opportunity at the conference to learn more about that. Tea and coffee will be provided throughout the day, but please bring a packed lunch. Our intention is to share transport, so please book individually, and then advise Roland Gillott (Tel: 722674 e-mail:roland.gillott@btinternet.com) or the Church Office, so that we can arrange shared transport. Any questions to Roland.

WEDDING CAKE

A regular attendee at Wheeler Coffee is getting married in June. He has asked whether the church knows of anyone who would be able to make the wedding cake. He is thinking perhaps of two tiers – one fruit and one sponge. If you might be able to help, or know of anyone who can, please contact the Office, so that contact details can be passed on for further discussion about what is envisaged.