



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

Please take this sheet home with you for future reference.
11 March, 2018 4th. Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

8.00am. - Said Eucharist

10.00am. Together All-age worship

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.

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1 Samuel 1.20–28

8.00am. only

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my Lord! As you live, my Lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

John 19.25b–27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Peace

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

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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 Passion Sunday 8.00am. SAID EUCHARIST

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Diane Rutter will be speaking at both the 8.00am. and 10.00am. services about her prayer journey as part of the preparation for the Week of Accompanied Prayer.

Readings for next Sunday: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 51.1-13; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will be £2 each this year, given in memory of relatives or friends. If you would like to order any or make a contribution to the flower fund, please order from Hazel Adamson by Palm Sunday at the latest.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL –Today, 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.

WHEELER COFFEE –St Michael's – Tuesday, 13 March - 10.00am. – midday

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

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.

NOT-ONE-FOR-LUNCH - Lady Chapel –Monday, 19 March - 12.45pm. for 1.00pm.

For those who live alone and eat alone, run by the Pastoral Care Team - an opportunity to meet old and new friends in a very informal atmosphere. If you would like to come, but have difficulty with transport, please call Alison Woodnutt on 721420.

"QUIET MORNING" – St. Michael's - Wheeler Room – Thursday, 22 March – 10.00am. – 12noon

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 March– 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.

CORRECTION – Monday, 19 – Friday, 23 March

Since the publication of the March newsletter, it has been decided that there will not be Compline in the week before Holy Week. In the past, this service has been held Monday-Wednesday in Holy Week itself. This year, there will be a said communion on each of those days.

EASTER SERVICES

Monday, 26 & Wednesday, 28 March – 7.30pm. - Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday, 27 March – 10.30am. - Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

Thursday, 29 March – 8.00pm. – Sung Eucharist; Washing of Feet and Silent Vigil

Friday, 30 March

10.00am. – Reflection; Adoration of the Cross; Eucharist from Reserved Sacrament

11.30am. Walk of Witness from Amersham Free Church

Saturday, 31 March – 8.00pm - Sung Eucharist**Sunday, 01 April**

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10.00am. Sung Eucharist

HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 04 April - 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.

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB- Wheeler Room- Friday, 06 April – 2.00pm. – 4.00pm.

I, Daniel Blake - Directed by Ken Loach. A thought-provoking film, which highlights the government's bureaucracy inherent in claiming benefits. Stars Dave Johns and Hayley Squires. Running Time – 100mins

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.

AN INVITATION FROM NIGEL SPOOR

Dear Friends, I now have confirmation that my Ordination as Deacon will be at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday 30 June. The Ordination Service is at 10am. (the doors open at 9am.). I am told that there will be plenty of seats for everyone who would like to come. I am then arranging a buffet lunch from 2pm. onwards at Holy Trinity Church, Wycombe Road, Prestwood, HP16 0HJ, the church where I am in training and where I shall be serving my initial curacy. It would be lovely if friends from St Michael's were able to share with me in this special day, either by coming to the Cathedral service or to the buffet afterwards, or both! If you are able to come to the buffet, it would be helpful for catering purposes to have an idea of numbers by Easter. You can let me know either by email nigel@htprestwood.org.uk or text or call to 07724 122981. Do please remember me in your prayers as I prepare for this next chapter in my life and ministry.

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 either of the clergy.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's**CHURCH OF ENGLAND LENT COURSE – LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE**

Let your light shine is a Lent journey through the Gospel of John, offering a short daily reading, a pause for reflection and prayer and a challenge to act. Material for use by individuals is available in various formats – as a printed booklet, in the form of a daily e-mail/text message or via an app. For further information see <https://www.churchofengland.org/lent>

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 13 March - 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: Challoner's Boys in Recital

FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE - St Peter and St Paul Church, Great Missenden – Friday, 16th - Sunday 18th, March - 10.00am. – 4.00pm. (opening after the 10.00am. service on Sunday)

Following last year's success, the church is planning another festival during British Science Week. The aims of the festival are to celebrate the joy and beauty of the sciences, and to give thanks for and celebrate the lives and contributions of scientists and engineers. For more information, follow this link

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EASTER CRAFTS PARTY – Amersham Free Church – Saturday, 31 March – 10.30am. – 1.30pm.

Followed by a short service in the Church. Crafts suitable for children aged 4-12. Lunch provided. Families welcome. Cost - £6.00 per child to cover costs. Places limited. To book, contact Liz Waumsley, liz@waumsely.com by March 25th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - AMERSHAM YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Amersham Youth Activities is looking for volunteers to help support its new youth clubs which take place at the youth centre in Amersham. It would like help in all sorts of areas - for example, handyman tasks; running the kitchen; making tea; preparing snacks; coming on trips or simply chatting with the young people. The clubs take place on Tuesday (run by St Mary's Youth) and Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm. to 8.00pm. and on Friday from 4.30pm. to 6.00pm. If you would like to help at any of these times, either most weeks or on a rota, please contact Jack Gocher on 07966 661196 /info@amershamyouth.org