



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

Please take this sheet home with you for future reference.

03 June, 2018

Trinity 1

8.00am. Said Eucharist

10.00am. Sung Eucharist.

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) *God to enfold you.*

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen.

Deuteronomy 5.12–15

The Lord says this: Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work – you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

Psalm 81 vv.1-10

Response: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Sing merrily to God our strength, shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Take up the song and sound the timbrel, the tuneful lyre with the harp.

Response

Blow the trumpet at the new moon, as at the full moon, upon our solemn feast day.

For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.

The charge he laid on the people of Joseph, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

Response

I heard a voice I did not know that said: 'I eased their shoulder from the burden; their hands were set free from bearing the load.

'You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you;

I answered you from the secret place of thunder and proved you at the waters of Meribah. **Response**

'Hear, oh my people and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

'There shall be no strange God among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

'I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'

Response

2 Corinthians 4.5–12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to

death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

Gradual hymn

1. She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.
2. She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies:
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.
3. She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced, or restrained.
4. For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
and she is the key opening the Scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

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Mark 2.23 – 3.6

One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.' Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to the Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against Jesus, how to destroy him.

Peace

My peace I leave you, my peace I give you, trouble not your hearts;
My peace I leave you; my peace I give you; be not afraid.

Music during Communion (sung by the choir) *Spirit of Holiness*

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of 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.

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10.00am.

GATHERED ROUND – all-age interactive worship

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 3.8-15; Psalm 130; Mark 3.20-end

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

WHEELER COFFEE –St Michael's – Tuesday, 05 June - 10.00am. – midday

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

HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 06 June - 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.

BUCKS ART WEEKS - Saturday, 09 June – Sunday, 24 June

The Simpatico Art group will once again be exhibiting at St. Michael's. Jenny, Liz, Cecilia, Candy and Beverley will be pleased to see you between 9.30am. and 5.30pm. Mon.-Fri. and until 6.00pm. at the weekends.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL – Sunday, 10 June, 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. Alternatively, please look at the catalogue on the stall and make your request for the following month.

SUMMER BARBECUE – Vicarage Garden – Sunday, 10 June - 12noon – 3.00pm.

Keep the date free. An opportunity to get to know other members of the congregation. Everyone invited. Bring a friend. Please provide meat/fish/vegetarian option (whatever you would like to eat) for barbecuing. If you plan to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of the church to give us some idea of numbers.

MESSY CHURCH–St Michael's - Saturday, 16 June - 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.

THE NAMING OF 'THE RODERICK QUIET GARDEN' – Sunday, 17 June at the end of the 10.00am. Sung Eucharist

Philip and Jill Roderick are going to be with us at the 10.00am. service for the dedication and re-naming of St. Michael's Quiet Garden as 'The Roderick Quiet Garden'. Philip will be preaching and everyone is invited to drinks after the service.

"POP IN AND PAINT" - St Michael's – Friday, 29 June– 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.

OUR RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS

If anyone missed last Sunday's address on homelessness by James Boulton from Wycombe Homeless Connection, or would like to hear it again, it is currently available on the website,

<http://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/media/> James talks about the issue with reference to biblical passages and also gives guidance about how we can offer practical help now.

TUESDAY CLUB OUTING - Aylesbury Waterside Theatre - Wednesday, 22 August – 7.00pm

Film showing of Andre Rieu's 2018 Maastricht concert. The coach will leave St. Michael's at 1745 and return by 2200. The cost will be £29 per person. Cheques should be made payable to St. Michael's Church 50+ Group and sent to the Revd. Peter Binns, 16, Turnfurlong Row, Aylesbury, HP21 7FF by Friday, June 15th.

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

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 05 June - 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: U3A Singers in Concert**