



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

*Please take this sheet home with you for future reference.*

17 June, 2018

Trinity 3

8.00am. Said Eucharist

10.00am. Sung Eucharist followed by the Dedication of the Quiet Garden.

Guest Preacher: The Revd. Philip Roderick

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.*

**Music before the service (sung by the choir) God to uphold you.**

### Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Ezekiel 17.22–24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

**Psalm 92 vv.1-8 Response: It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.**

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

To tell of your love early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night-time,

Upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon the harp, and to the melody of the lyre.

**Response**

For you, Lord, have made me glad by your acts, and I sing aloud at the works of your hands.

O Lord, how glorious are your works! Your thoughts are very deep.

**Response**

The senseless do not know, nor do fools understand, That though the wicked sprout like grass and all the workers of iniquity flourish,

It is only to be destroyed for ever; but you, O Lord, shall be exalted for evermore.

**Response**

### 2 Corinthians 5.vv.6–10, 14–17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord –for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

### Mark 4.26–34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

### 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)**      **Vaughan Williams: *Song of the Tree of Life***

### Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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.

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| <b>TUESDAY</b>     | <b>10.30am.</b> | <b>SAID EUCHARIST</b> |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | <b>8.00am.</b>  | <b>SAID EUCHARIST</b> |
|                    | <b>10.00am.</b> | <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> |

**Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.7-end; Acts 13.14b-26; Luke 1.57-66,80**

### ***Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's***

**THE NAMING OF 'THE RODERICK QUIET GARDEN' – Today, 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.

**BUCKS ART WEEKS – daily until 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.

### **OFFICE CLOSED**

The Church Office will be closed w/c 18 June, re-opening on Tuesday, 26 June at 9.30am. E-mail and telephone will be monitored during this period, but not necessarily every day.

**WHEELER COFFEE –St Michael's – Tuesday, 19 June - 10.00am. – midday**

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

**"QUIET MORNINGS" – St. Michael's - Wheeler Room – Thursdays, 21 June and 19 July – 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, 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.

**HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 04 July - 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, 08 July, 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.

**MESSY CHURCH–St Michael's - Saturday, 21 July - 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.

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

Film showing of André 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, 19 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: Talking about Fathers with the Revd. Erna Stevenson**

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The Amersham Churches Committee of the WWDP organisation is looking for an Organising Secretary for the annual service in March next year. If you feel that this is something in which you would like to be involved – and please note that men are as welcome as women! – then please get in touch after June 25<sup>th</sup>, with Valerie Royal, (tel 433193) who will be happy to provide more information.