



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

01 September, 2019

11th. Sunday after Trinity

Please take this sheet home with you for future reference.

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. 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.

8.00am.: Said Eucharist

10.00am.: Sung Eucharist

Introit (sung by the choir) *Come down, O Love divine v.1*

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure: 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 glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Ecclesiasticus 10.12–18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Hebrews 13.1–8, 15–16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112

Response: Blessed are those who fear the Lord

Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest. **Response**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **Response**

It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, for they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. **Response**

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes. **Response**

They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish. **Response**

Luke 14.1, 7–14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place,” and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

Peace

Peace I give to you, I give to you my peace. Peace I give to you, I give to you my peace. Let it flow to another, let it flow, let it flow. Let it flow to another, let it flow, let it flow.

Music during Communion **Ogden: *Christ has no body now but yours***

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services this week

THE CHURCH AND LADY CHAPEL are usually available for prayer and meditation from 9.30am.

MONDAY-FRIDAY **9.00am. MORNING PRAYER** from ‘**Celebrating Common Prayer**’ - **Lady Chapel**

A gentle 20 minute service of prayer, psalms and readings. All welcome. 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. GATHERED ROUND – All-age interactive eucharist

Readings for next Sunday: **Deuteronomy 30:15-end; Luke 14.25-33**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael’s

MESSAGE FROM HEATHER HADDOCK

Thank you so much for your prayers, telephone messages, cards, and to date 64 lifts to and from Stoke Mandeville Hospital which have enabled me to stay with Ron throughout each day. He has now been in hospital for 37 days, and is still very poorly, but making progress be it slowly. He is very touched by your concern, and asked me to thank you.

WHEELER COFFEE –St. Michael’s – Tuesday, 03 September - 10.00am. – midday

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

HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 04 September - 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 September- 2.00pm. – 4.00pm.

The first session of the 2019-20 season. All welcome. Refreshments served after the showing.

Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri: Frances McDormand delivers a powerful performance in this darkly-comic drama. A murdered girl's defiant mother boldly paints three local billboards, each with a controversial message. Running time – 1hr50mins

TRAIDCRAFT STALL –Sunday, 08 September after the 10.00am. service.

Special orders should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office, to ensure availability on the monthly stall.

RIDE AND STRIDE FOR CHURCHES – Buckinghamshire's Churches Open Day -Saturday, 14 September – 10.00am. – 6.00pm.

Participants are encouraged to choose their own route around local churches and to seek sponsorship in support of Bucks Historic Churches Trust. David Rafferty has already signed up to take part and would welcome additional sponsors. If anyone else is interested in taking part, please speak to David. St. Michael's is listed among the churches for walkers and riders to visit. While refreshments will be left in the Narthex, a friendly face is always welcome, particularly towards the end of the day. If anyone could be in Church that day, even if doing something else, please could you let the Office know so that we can put together some form of rota.

HEALING WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING – Sunday, 15 September – 8.00am.

(please note that this is a change to the date listed for the past two weeks)

This sacrament is offered nine times a year, spread across the three regular weekly services. The sacrament of healing is often offered to people who are ill or dying, but it is not restricted to that. It is offered at St. Michael's and in many other churches during the normal service. The thinking behind this is that we are all in need of healing, both in our relationships with one another and with God. It is also offered to help us with problems and difficult situations, which we all face at some points in our lives. It is not compulsory to receive healing, but many people find it helpful, as it can bring a sense of closeness to God and a discovery of peace, a time of quiet in a busy and sometimes noisy world.

NOT ONE FOR LUNCH - Lady Chapel –Monday, 16 September - 12.45pm. for 1.00pm.

A sandwich lunch for those who live alone and eat alone, and an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones in a very informal atmosphere.

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

"POP IN AND PAINT" - St. Michael's – Friday, 27 September – 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!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

This week, the Office will be closed on Friday, (06 September) but open instead on Thursday. The following week, it will be closed on Tuesday, (10 September).

RECENT SERMONS

A number of people have asked for a copy of the poem by Liz Berry quoted by Revd. Debbie in last week's sermon. If anyone else would like one, please contact the Office. The full sermon is available to listen to at <http://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/media/>

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 Johns on 729061.

FREE PLANTS

There are some old fashioned bearded iris tubers going spare. If you would like one, please help yourself from the box on the letters table. Cultivation guidance available for reference.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's**LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 03 September – 12.15pm – 2.00pm.**

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 1.40pm. We are open for anyone who wants a bit of an oasis during the week at lunch time every Tuesday.

This week: Lunchbreak Hymn Sing