



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

15 September, 2019

13th. 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.: Healing Said Eucharist with laying on of Hands and Anointing

10.00am.: Sung Eucharist

Introit (sung by the choir)

Come down, O Love Divine v.1

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Exodus 32.7–14

10.00am. only

At the top of Mount Sinai, the Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 51 vv.1-11 Response: Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

Response

For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement.

Response

I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

Response

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

Response

Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Response

1 Timothy 1.12–17

10.00am. only

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Luke 15.1–10

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

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 (sung by the choir)

Townend: Psalm 23

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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

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Readings for next Sunday: Amos 8.4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

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

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.

WHEELER COFFEE –St. Michael's – Tuesday, 17 September - 10.00am. – midday

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

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.

RIP ROMA HOWE-GUEST

Roma's funeral will take place at Greenacres Chiltern Woodland Burial Park, Potkiln Road, Jordans at 1.00pm. on Wednesday, 25 September.

"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!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB- Wheeler Room- Friday, 27 September- 2.00pm. – 4.00pm.

Jimmy's Hall, directed by Ken Loach. Set in the 1920s/30s, a powerful story which takes an evocative look at Irish history, particularly as it challenges the Church, authorities and government.

Running time –1hr44mins. All welcome. Refreshments served after the showing.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL – Sunday, 29 September

St Michael's Day this year falls on a Sunday. The liturgy at both the 8.00am. and 10.00am. services will mark this occasion. There will be a bring and share lunch after the 10.00am. service to which everyone is invited. If you are able to bring a plate of food, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS - Lady Chapel – Wednesday, 02 October - 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, 13 October 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.

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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 17 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: A Walk along the Thames with Ian Green

'OPEN THE BOOK' 20TH. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SERVICE - Amersham Free Church Hall – Tuesday, 17 September -7.15pm.

We are all invited to attend this celebration service. 'Open the Book', which includes members of St. Michael's, takes Bible stories into assemblies at local schools. Please speak to Roland Gillott on 722674 if you have any questions.

MACMILLAN WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING -Puffins, 119 Woodside Road, Amersham - Friday, 27 September -10. 30am. – 12 noon

An invitation from Celia Palmer. Everyone is warmly invited to come and meet old friends and make new ones, as we share coffee and cake and view the Bring and Buy and be part of this world initiative again. Celia says, 'I look forward to welcoming you.'

COTHA (Churches on the Hill Amersham) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Wesley Room, St John's Methodist Church - Tuesday, 15 October, 7.45pm. for 8.00pm.

Presentation by Ruth Spurr on "My Life in a Wheelchair with Willow, my special assistance dog", followed by the business meeting, which includes short reports from the three churches and other organisations, and a report on the Cotha activities we have shared. Tea and coffee will be served before the meeting.