



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

22 September, 2019

14th. 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

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Amos 8.4–7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 113

Response: Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Alleluia. Give praise, you servants of the Lord, O praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore.

Response

From the rising of the sun to its setting let the name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.

Response

Who is like the Lord our God, that has his throne so high,
yet humbles himself to behold the things of heaven and earth?

Response

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ashes,
To set them with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a place in the house and makes her a joyful mother of children. Alleluia.

Response

1 Timothy 2.1–7

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

Gradual Hymn

Refrain: *My soul is at rest in God alone, my salvation comes from him.*

Cantor: In God is my safety and my glory the rock of my strength.

Refrain

Cantor: Take refuge in God, all you people. Trust him at all times.

Refrain

Cantor: Pour out your hearts before him for God is our refuge.

Refrain

Luke 16.1–13

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

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) *A New Commandment*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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: PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

8.00am. SAID EUCHARIST

10.00am. SUNG EUCHARIST. Incense will be used at this service.

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 28.10-17; Psalm 103.19-end; Revelation 12.7-12; John 1, 47-51

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

WHEELER COFFEE –St. Michael's – Tuesday, 24 September - 10.00am. – midday

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

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. At the 10.00am. service there will be a speaker from "Action for Ingwavuma", the beneficiary of this year's Harvest Appeal, a UK-registered charity which supports a community of impoverished people on the Mozambique/Swaziland border with South Africa

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.

TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT DAY - St. Michael's – Tuesday, 01 October – 10.00am. – 3.00pm.

As part of International Older Persons' Day, Rotate, supported by Chiltern District Council, are putting on a day of taster sessions. Over 20 stalls. St. Michael's is planning to raise awareness of the church's outreach activities while the event is on. Free entry. All welcome.

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.

MESSY CHURCH–St. Michael's - Saturday, 19 October- 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.

HEALING WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING – Sunday, 20 October, 10.00am.

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, 21 October - 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.

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, 24 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: Bite-sized Harvest Thanksgiving Service

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.