

St Michael's



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**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**14 March 2010**

**This is also known as “Refreshment Sunday”. So ...to celebrate her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday later in the month, Diana invites everybody a have a glass of bubbly and some nibbles in church at 11.15am.**

**Collect for the day**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
 shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
 and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
 strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow  
 we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal;  
 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.

**Additional Collect**

God of love,  
 passionate and strong,  
 tender and careful:  
 watch over us and hold us  
 all the days of our life;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Exodus 2.1–10**

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because,’ she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

This is the word of the Lord.....*Thanks be to God*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal Glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.  
 Harden not your hearts.....**Praise to you, O Christ, King of Eternal glory**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to .....*Glory to you, O Lord*

**John 19.25b–27 (Contemporary English Version)**

Jesus' mother stood beside his cross with her sister and Mary the wife of Clopas. Mary Magdalene was standing there too. When Jesus saw his mother and his favourite disciple with her, he said to his mother, "This man is now your son." Then he said to the disciple, "She is now your mother." From then on, that disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.....*Praise to you O Christ*

**PEACE**

Shalom, shalom may peace be with you. Shalom,shalom.  
 In all that you do may peace be with you. Shalom, shalom.

**COMMUNION - The Free Church - led by Revd Andrew Busby, preacher Sue McCoan – TONIGHT – 6pm**

**ACCESS TO ST MICHAEL’S HALL – new locks to both doors.**

If you need a key to the church hall please collect a new one from the office, when convenient.

### **PARKING METERS IN SYCAMORE ROAD?**

Some of you may have read the recent article in the Bucks Examiner about Bucks County Council possibly introducing parking meters in Sycamore. Amersham Town Council is against the idea, and the impact on St Michael's is likely to make our ongoing parking problems on both the forecourt and in the Hall car park, considerably worse. If you wish to make any comment, before 22 March, the person to contact is Val Letheren, BCC's cabinet member for transportation - [vletheren@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:vletheren@buckscc.gov.uk) and copy to [jcharlton@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:jcharlton@buckscc.gov.uk) [mphilips@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:mphilips@buckscc.gov.uk) [sadams@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:sadams@buckscc.gov.uk) [nrose@chiltern.gov.uk](mailto:nrose@chiltern.gov.uk) and Mimi Harker [mimi.harker@btconnect.com](mailto:mimi.harker@btconnect.com). Or write to the Examiner on [www.buckinghamshireexaminer.co.uk/forums](http://www.buckinghamshireexaminer.co.uk/forums). Postal address - Bucks County Council, County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP20 1UA

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

The symbolism of having ones foot washed is a very strong one. If you would like to be one of the 12 who will join in the re-enactment of this event, the showing of the love Jesus has for us, please see Michael Darvill.

### **HOLY SATURDAY - Barbecue wanted!**

Do you have an open BBQ that we could borrow for the Holy Saturday service? We will be lighting it on the forecourt and lighting the Easter candle from it so want an open fire. If you do please contact Alan after the service or on 433826 or [revd.alan@btinternet.com](mailto:revd.alan@btinternet.com)

**“NOT ONE FOR LUNCH” – Lady Chapel - Monday 15 March – 12.45 for 1pm** Once a month the Pastoral care team run a lunch for those who live alone and eat alone with the chance of meeting old and new friends. It is a very friendly atmosphere where you will be served a main course followed by a pudding and tea or coffee. There is a nominal charge for the food. If you would like to come, but have difficulty with transport, can you please phone Jane Denny – 727 908. Subsequent date: Monday 19 April

### **‘LUNCH BREAK’ – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday 16 March - midday to 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 1.30pm. We are not *only* open for those on their lunch break from the shops and offices, but for anyone who wants a bit of an oasis during the week at lunch time, every Tuesday. **Today: Living Books for Today – Revd Erna Stevenson**

### **‘TILL FAITH US DO PART?’ Dr Jonathan Romain – Millennium Lecture - St Michael’s - Thu 18 March – 8pm**

Tickets £10 or £7 concessions, available from the Parish Office

### **WORKING PARTY in the Church and Grounds – Saturday 20 March – from 9.30am**

Buildings Committee would be grateful for help in a pre-Easter Spring Clean. Further info from Martin Elliston (tel.726016) or Maureen Meeks (tel 433820).

### **‘HIDDEN TREASURES’ – Amersham Free Church – Saturday 20 March – 4.30pm**

Rex Walford and Gabrielle Bell perform their exploration and celebration of the wonderful songs of the Twentieth Century British and American musical theatre. Tickets £10 (Adult) £5 (Children)

### **YOU ARE INVITED to a FUNDRAISING MEAL at MANGO LOUNGE – Monday 22 March at 7.30 for 8pm**

You are warmly invited to a fundraising meal supporting a very special education and welfare project in Bangladesh, at Mango Lounge (alongside St Michael’s) when a two-course meal will be served. Tickets: £18 (of which £9 goes to Friends of Khasdobir) from Ken Prideaux-Brune (433871)

### **HEALING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS – during Eucharist – Tuesday 23 March – 10.30am**

### **PALM SUNDAY – Silent procession from Amersham Station – Sunday 28 March - 9.45am**

Please bring a branch of green foliage if possible to put near the cross in the Sanctuary.

### **SERVICE WITH CHORAL MUSIC FROM THE MESSIAH – Free Church – Sunday 28 March – 6pm**

### **PRAISE AND PLAY PLUS – Lady Chapel – Wednesday 31 March – 3.45pm**

Informal gathering for school-starters with their siblings, parents, grandparents, or carers, for a short time of worship, song and stories. Followed by refreshments and play.

### **SATURDAY SLOT – St Michael's – Saturday 3 April at 3pm**

A short informal service for all ages, with children's activities and refreshments. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month

### **QUIZ NIGHT AND FISH AND CHIP SUPPER – St Michael's - Saturday 10th April - 7 for 7.30pm**

Presented by St. Michael's Social and outreach department. Enjoy a fun night out suitable for all the family. Make up a table of 8 with friends and neighbours, or let us place you on a table with other St. Michael's friends. Please look for a leaflet on the letters table or purchase tickets from Ann Beattie (725333), Heather Haddock (725359), or Ann Jarvis (726078). Cost £10 for Fish & Chips, £9 Sausage & Chips, and a pound less for concessions. Prizes for the Raffle needed.

### **T'AI CHI... a new class for beginners – St John Ambulance Hall - starting Monday 12 April 11am**

Following the success of Pat Khaira's weekly sessions, she is now starting a new class for beginners. To enrol, and for further information, please ring Pat on 01494 771675, or speak to Heather.

### **JUNIOR DRAMA GROUP– Hall – Sunday 25 April - 2.30pm to 3.30pm** Subsequent dates: 23 May, 27 June

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WEEKEND – 22 / 23 May**

We will be looking for hosts to entertain students from overseas who might not otherwise have the opportunity of staying with an ordinary English family. These weekends were started by St Michael's about 40 years ago and all the Churches in Amersham now participate in what is one of our best ecumenical activities. If you think you might like to act as a host please contact David Beattie (725333).

### **PARISH RETREAT 2010 – A date for your diary – Friday 8 to Sunday 10 October 2010**

The retreat will be led by Alison Hassall at the Carmelite Priory, Oxford. Contact Hew Motion 01494 766 243

**PRAYER WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS** – 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 one of the clergy.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

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 – 818172

### **SAFETY MATTERS**

Following a spate of thefts from local churches, including St Michael's, we are advised to keep our bags and belongings with us at all times when on church premises. In the interests of personal safety, anyone working alone in church (ie arranging flowers, creating noticeboard displays, etc) should ideally have a mobile phone with them or let someone else know where they are and approximately how long they will be in church, particularly at quieter times during the day.

### **POSTERS**

If you wish to have a poster displayed in the Church or Hall please take hard copy (A4 or A5 portrait) to the office

**Readings for next week: Isaiah 43. 16 – 21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3. 4b – 14; John 12. 1 - 8**

**Lady Chapel available for prayer and meditation from 8am daily.**

**Morning Prayer from 'Celebrating Common Prayer' takes place in Lady Chapel from Mon to Sat inclusive (except public holidays) 8.30- 8.55am.**