



HEALING

AT

ST. MICHAEL'S, AMERSHAM

Fall deep in the silence, the silence of God

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH

Apr – Oct 4-6pm

Nov – Mar 3-5pm

Half hour sessions of prayer and laying on of hands

See inside leaflet for times and more information

Anyone can benefit from a quiet half hour of letting go, allowing God to restore and heal. The pace and stress of life takes its toll on everyone and the need to find peace of mind and freedom from anxiety is perhaps one of the main benefits that the ministry of healing can offer. There may be bodily healing too. These sessions can bring people nearer to God and strengthen their spirit, enabling them to receive the love and power of God through the laying on of hands. The atmosphere is unthreatening and utterly relaxing.

We believe that God desires wholeness for us in body, mind and spirit. Jesus demonstrated this in his ministry, and it continues to be part of the church's ministry today, offering everyone a chance to experience healing. Jesus sent out his disciples to heal the sick and he encourages us to pray for each other so that we may be healed.

We invite you to come and receive silent prayer and laying on of hands in the Lady Chapel of St. Michael's Church.

What is the authority for this ministry?

St. Michael's is the Church of England Parish Church of Amersham-on-the-Hill. Members of the team are commissioned to offer this ministry in accordance with the Church of England guidelines on the healing ministry.

Do I need to have any particular beliefs?

No particular faith or beliefs are necessary, but keeping an open mind and a positive attitude towards your healing will help.

Do I need to wear any special clothes or do anything myself?

Come just as you are in normal clothes. You will be seated in a chair or will lie down under a light blanket, whichever you prefer. All you have to do is sit or lie quietly and relax. Soft music will play and the atmosphere will be calm and soothing.

What will happen?

The session will last for 25 minutes starting with a brief chat. You can ask any questions or if you wish tell the team member about any specific need. Then the team member will stand behind you and say a short prayer for your healing.

The team member may lightly rest his/her hands on the shoulders to indicate he/she is starting and will then move around you with outstretched hands a few inches above the body. You will feel no touch. To finish the team member will say a short prayer. After the session, you will be invited to come and have a cup of tea or coffee if you wish. You will have an opportunity to talk further too.

What will I experience?

Each person has different needs and it is not possible to say what will be felt. However, most people experience calmness and well-being as they turn off from the worries and pressures of daily life. Some encouragement and assurance may be felt too as one lets go and the burdens lift. It is possible to share any particular concerns over a cup of tea afterwards, and the healing experience can continue after the session ends. Most people feel "better" in themselves. It is generally found to be an agreeable half hour. On occasions something quite special can happen. Whether one feels anything or not, God's healing presence is always available.

Half hour healing sessions are held on the first Wednesday of each month except for August. The sessions start on the hour and half hour as below. There is no charge.

Apr – Oct 4pm - 5:30 (last session begins)
Nov – Mar 3pm – 4:30 (last session begins)

There is no need to make an appointment - just turn up any time, preferably about 5 minutes before your chosen session begins.

Parking is at the rear of the church, and there is an entrance by a side door next to the Vicarage. The main entrance from Sycamore Road is also open, and it has a ramp for disabled access.

In addition to these Wednesday sessions, there is laying on of hands and anointing at services in 2012 as follows:

Sunday 22nd January at 8 a.m.
Sunday 19th February at 10 a.m.
Tuesday 20th March at 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 20th May at 8 a.m.
Sunday 17th June at 10 a.m.
Tuesday 10th July at 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 16th September at 8 a.m.
Sunday 21st October at 10 a.m.
Tuesday 20th November at 10.30 a.m.

If you have any questions please contact the Church Office who will put you in touch with one of the healing ministry team members.

A team member can visit you at home if you are unable to get to the church.

Vicar: The Reverend Diana Glover, The Vicarage, 70 Sycamore Road, Amersham, HP6 5DR; phone 01494 727553

Church Office: 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday; phone 01494 726680

St. Michael's Church is in Sycamore Road, the main shopping street of Amersham on the Hill. It is within easy walking distance of the Metropolitan Line station of Amersham.