



## St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

1 February 2026 – 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m. and Tuesday, 10.30a.m.

**Sunday, 4.p.m. Eucharist for Candlemas/The presentation of Christ at the Temple.**

**There will be no 10a.m. Service on Sunday at St Michael's.**

**Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel – Tuesday, 9.00a.m.**

### Collect

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### 1 Kings 17.8-16

*A reading from the first book of Kings.*

Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

### John 2.1.11

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John: Glory to you, O Lord.*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

### Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **Activities and Events at St. Michael & All Angels, Amersham on the Hill**

**SURVEY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BISHOP OF OXFORD**, following Bishop Steven's retirement announcement. A Statement of Needs that will set out information about the Diocese, including its hopes and challenges, and what people believe is important to them in a new Bishop, is being created. **THE SURVEY WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY AT 5PM** If you would like your voice to be heard, please follow the link:

[https://oxford.anglican.org/consultation?utm\\_source=Diocese+of+Oxford+Mailing+Lists&utm\\_campaign=214ac424ee-EMAIL CAMPAIGN 2026 01 01 14&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-214ac424ee-339849597](https://oxford.anglican.org/consultation?utm_source=Diocese+of+Oxford+Mailing+Lists&utm_campaign=214ac424ee-EMAIL%20CAMPAIGN%202026%2001%2001%2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-214ac424ee-339849597)

**SHROVE TUESDAY OUTING – 17 February 7p.m.** All are invited to join an outing to Pizza Express, Amersham. Prices and menu are still to be confirmed. Please email the office on [office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk) if you would like to attend and you will then be kept informed about the details as soon as they are available.

**Tuesday, 17 February – The usual 9a.m. Morning Prayer and 10.30a.m. said Eucharist will instead take place on Wednesday, 18 February in the Lady Chapel to celebrate Ash Wednesday.**

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 5 February – 10a.m.-12 noon** – Wheeler Room, St. Michael's. Are you or a loved one facing a cancer diagnosis? Are you finding cancer treatment tough? Is your treatment over, but you still feel anxious? You are not alone. Please drop in for coffee and a chat.

**POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 6 February –10.30a.m.-12.30p.m.** 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 come along for a chat and watch the proceedings!

**WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 6 February – 2p.m.-4p.m. – THE LAST BUS** Starring Timothy Spall and Phyllis Logan. From John O'Groats to Lands End Tom (Timothy Spall) is about to make a journey of a life time, one bus at a time, using his bus pass. Running Time: 1hr. 20mins.

**FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 8 February.** The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

**A CRAFTY CUPPA – 13 & 27 February – 10.30a.m.-12noon.** A Crafty Cuppa is a drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. Do bring your knitting, crochet and sewing, if you would like to. Some organised talks or crafts will also be available for those who prefer to come empty handed.

One of the local Police Community Support team, Emma, is planning to come along to the session on 23 January, to talk to anyone who wants advice about personal security etc. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you.

**MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 21 February – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.** Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by an interactive session and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

**REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 7 March – 10.a.m.-1p.m.** Come along to SustainableAmersham.org's pop-up Repair Café. Volunteer repairers will help you fix your stuff for free. No appointment required. Free refreshments.

## **Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's**

**LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 3 February – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – Dr Challoner's in Recital.** All Welcome.

**LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 20 February – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church.** Speaker to be confirmed As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.00pm. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. *It would be wonderful to have members from St. Michael's come and join us.*