



St. Michael & All Angels, Amersham – Church of England

1 February, 2026 – Candlemas

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

Sung Eucharist – Sunday, 4p.m.

(Please note there is no Eucharist at 10a.m. on Sunday this week.)

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

The 4p.m. service will be recorded, and then available after the service on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Hymns for 4p.m.

CG21 Longing for light vv2-5 – SHS

118 Faithful vigil ended

394 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

288 King of glory, King of peace

Readers

Claire O'Beirne

Rebecca Olsen

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen.**

Longing for light

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

*Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
shine in your church
gathered today.*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ be our light!....

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ be our light!...

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ be our light!....

Malachi 3.1-5

A reading from the book of Malachi.

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

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

Psalm 24.7-10

Response: Lift up your heads, O you gates, and let the King of Glory in.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

Response

'Who is the King of glory?'

'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

Response

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

Response

'Who is this King of glory?'

'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

Response

Hebrews 2.14-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

Luke 2.21-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then

Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

O nata lux (Sung by the choir during communion)

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi. Dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis, nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

O light born of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deign to accept the praises and prayers of your suppliants. You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

RIP SYLVIA DOLLEMORE – There will be a celebration of Sylvia's life at St. Léonard's Church on Friday, February 13th. at 11a.m. If you would like to attend, please do not wear black. Her favourite colour was blue but any colour can be worn. Please confirm with Veronica Dollemore by telephone: 01296 613616 or email: kvdollemore@btinternet.com by 1 February if you are able to attend the reception afterwards, this is for catering purposes.

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_06_01_14&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 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.*