



## **St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England** 1 June, 2025 - 7th Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day

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

**Sung Eucharist – Sunday, 10.00a.m.**

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

*The 10a.m. service will be streamed live, and then be available on*

**St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>**

### **Hymns for 10a.m.**

CG66 Jesus calls us here to meet him (SHS)

296 Let all the world in every corner sing

26 Alleluia sing to Jesus

480 The head that once was crowned with thorns

### **Readers**

Margaret and Barbara

### **Collect**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Alternative Collect**

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### **Processional Hymn: Jesus calls us here to meet him**

1. Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.
2. Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of Life and Lord of all,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.
3. Jesus calls us to each other:  
vastly different though we are;  
race and colour, class and gender  
neither limit nor debar.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.
4. Jesus calls us to his table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
where the church in earth and heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body:  
share the love of which we sing;  
share the feast for saints and sinners  
hosted by our Lord and King.

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## Acts 16.16-34

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 97

**Response: The Lord is King: let the earth rejoice.**

The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

**Response**

Fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings lit up the world; the earth saw it and trembled.

The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord,

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**Response**

The heavens declared his righteousness, and all the peoples have seen his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in mere idols.

Bow down before him, all you gods.

**Response**

Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of your judgements, O Lord.

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**Response**

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his faithful

and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

**Response**

Light has sprung up for the righteous and joy for the true of heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous and give thanks to his holy name.

**Response**

### **Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17. 20-end**

*A reading from the book of Revelation.*

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

### **John 17.29-end**

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ***Activities and Events at St. Michael & All Angels, Amersham on the Hill, June 2025***

**There will be no Tuesday Eucharist on 17 June as it's transferred to 10.30a.m., 19 June, to celebrate Corpus Christi.**

The **PAPER DOVES** with people's names and baptism dates will be displayed once again from Pentecost Sunday. If you haven't filled in a dove, please write your name on one side and date of baptism on the other side of a blank one that can be found on the table by the pigeon holes on Sunday. Once completed please leave the dove on the table to be collected by the office team.

**OFFERTORY TOKENS** are available in the Narthex before services. Please take one to put in the collection as a promise of a donation you wish to make, if you cannot donate on Sundays.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – The first Thursday of each month. Thursday, 5 June – 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. Sharing experiences can be such a positive support in our cancer journeys.

**"POP IN AND PAINT" – The first Friday of each month. 6 June – 10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. CANCELLED** The next session will be on Friday, 4 July.

**BUCKS ART WEEKS – 7-22 June** – Monday-Friday 10a.m.-5p.m., Saturday 10a.m.-6p.m. & Sunday 12 noon-6p.m. (Saturday, 14 & 21 June 1.30p.m-6p.m. Jenny Thompson, Liz Grammenos, Madeleine Fletcher & Barbara Spruytenburg, of Simpatico, invite you to come along and enjoy their joyous exhibition.

**FAIRTRADE STALL – The second Sunday of each month. Sunday, 8 June.** The stall will be in the North Transept, with a variety of goods, after the 10a.m. service.

**A CRAFTY CUPPA – The second and fourth Friday of each month. Friday, 14 & 28 June – 10.30a.m.-12noon.** A Crafty Cuppa is a drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. Please 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. We look forward to seeing you.

**MESSY CHURCH – The third Saturday of each month (except August). Saturday, 21 June – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.** Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by a story or discussion, and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

**REPAIR CAFÉ – The first Saturday of every second month. Saturday, 5 July – 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 – June - Tuesday, 3 (Gillie Billies in Recital), 10 (Bite Sized Service), 17 (Community Connex – World Mental Health Day) & 24 (Great Sacred Music) – 12noon-2p.m.** - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. the programme shown above.

**ST. ANDREW'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2025 – 13-14 June – Great Missenden, Bucks** – 20+ authors, workshops and art exhibition. For more details please visit [WWW.STALITFEST.CO.UK](http://WWW.STALITFEST.CO.UK)

**BEYOND DIFFERENCE, Reflections on Faith & Leadership**, Sunday, 15 June – 2p.m. Chesham Town Hall.

**LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 20 June – from 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church.** Bring a packed lunch. A talk starts at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. All very welcome.

**ECO TALKS WITH CREAM TEAS – Amersham Free Church – Saturday, 21 June – 4p.m.-6.30p.m.**

Talks in the hall will be 15mins. Each, and a Q&A session will follow each talk. 4.a.m. Welcome Wildlife in the Garden, 5p.m. Ethical Investing, and 5.45p.m. Repair Café Stories. There will also be displays on cleaning materials, and on recycling. Inside and out there will be fun and games for children and families. Cream Teas will be served in the hall between and after the talks.