



14 August, 2022

9th Sunday after Trinity

Said Eucharists – Sunday 8.30am. and 10.00am. Tuesday 10.30am.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel – Tuesday-Thursday 9.00am.

The 10.00am. service will be live-streamed, and then available on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-KJtHzLo0w2CM6RQI_50yg

Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.00am. service. Please stay for a chat with other members of the congregation if you can.

Collect

Alternative Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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. **Amen.**

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Jeremiah 23:23–29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

By faith the people passed of Israel through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 12:49–56

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

RIP PAT WRIGHT

Pat's funeral will take place in St. Michael's on Thursday, 25 August at 1.00pm followed by committal at Chilterns Crematorium.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL – Sunday, 14 August, after the 10.00am. service

The monthly Traidcraft stall has returned to its former place in the North Transept. A selection of products is available on the day. Special orders should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office, to ensure availability.

NAPPY DAYS - North Transept – Wednesday, 17 August– 1.30pm.-3.00pm.

A church-sponsored drop-in group for parents with new babies and their older siblings, offering a cuppa and a chat with other parents, with toys for the children.

AMERSHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION - Tuesday, August 23rd - Saturday, August 27th.

10.00am - 6.00pm

St. Michael's is once again hosting the Society's annual exhibition, which provides an opportunity to show the best work of its members, from beginners to seasoned pros. There is no entry charge, so come along and have a look around.

CRAFTY CUPPA – North Transept – Friday, 26 August – 10.30am. – 11.30am.

A twice monthly drop-in session for everyone, especially those on their own. If you engage in a craft such as knitting or embroidery, bring it with you and enjoy some company while you work. Fancy just a cuppa, or an opportunity to chat? Then come along. You will be very welcome.

By popular demand, Crafty Cuppa is now taking place twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.

"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 02 September – 10.30am. – 12.15pm.

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 to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Wheeler Room - Friday, 02 September – 2.00pm. – 4.00pm.

Belfast Written & directed by Kenneth Branagh. Starring Ciaran Hinds and Judi Dench. Introducing Jude Hill as 'Buddy' *Belfast* is a poignant story of Love, Laughter & Loss in one boy's childhood amid the music & social turmoil of the late 1960s. Running Time - 1hr 34 mins. All welcome. Refreshments served after the showing.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 03 September – 10.00am. – 1.00pm.

Sustainable Amersham is running another session at St. Michael's for the repair of small electrical items and textiles. Refreshments will be served.

RIDE AND STRIDE – Saturday, 10 September – 10.00am. – 6.00pm

St. Michael's will be open to provide a welcome for participants in this annual fundraiser for Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. If anyone is interested in taking part in the event, which involves being sponsored to visit as many local churches as you choose, using any form of non-mechanical transport, more information can be found at <https://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/> 50% of the money raised is given to the church nominated by the participant, with the remainder going to the Trust.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The church is open for private prayer, from 10.00am. to 4.00pm. Mon.-Fri. The Lady Chapel has been set aside as a quiet space. The votive candle stand and the Prayer Tree are in front of the sanctuary.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's**LUNCH BREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 16 August- Midday to 2pm.**

Tea, coffee and soup are available throughout. The church is open for quiet reflection and offers a varied programme of music, worship, meditation and speakers between 1.10pm. and 1.30pm. **This week: Bite-sized service with AFC Worship Team**

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION NEEDS CAKE!

The Beaconsfield Country Fayre is a wonderful community event held on bank holiday Monday 29th August. Wycombe Homeless Connection are running a fundraising and awareness-raising stand and we need donations of lots of **cakes and bakes, preserves, sweets, treats, tray-bakes and allotment produce**. This is a simple, generous way you can help us serve people who are homeless in our community. Anything you make, bake or grow we will willingly take – we will be arranging drop off points and collections of donations. **Get in touch:** Please let us know if you are able to donate by emailing communications@wwns.org.uk or call 01494 447699 and we'll be back in touch with details. Thank you.