



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England **16 November, 2025 – 2nd Sunday before Advent**

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 10.00a.m. service is recorded then available on:
<https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Hymns for 10a.m.

82 Christ whose glory fills the skies
 288 King of glory, King of peace (Gwalchmai)
 172 God is working his purpose out (Benson)
 285 Judge eternal, throned in splendour (Rhuddlan)

Readers

Jenny Baker

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Malachi 4.1-2a

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Psalms 98

Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
 His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory.

Response

The Lord has made known his salvation; his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel,
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Response

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; break into singing and make music.
 Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody.

Response

With trumpets and the sound of the horn sound praises before the Lord, the King.
 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, the world and all that dwell upon it.

Response

Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
 for he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

Response

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without

paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Luke 21.5-19

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

Sunday, 14 December – **Advent 3 – Eucharists at 8.30a.m. and 10a.m.**

Wednesday, 17 December – **Nine Lessons and Carols – 7p.m.**

Saturday, 20 December – **Messy Church – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.**

Sunday, 21 December – **Advent 4 – Eucharists at 8.30a.m. and 10a.m.**

Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve –	Family Crib Service – 4p.m.
	Sung Christmas Mass – 8p.m.
Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day –	Said Eucharist at 8.30a.m.
	Christmas Mass & Carols – 10a.m.



Please note that Coffee and mince pies will be served after the 10a.m. services on Sunday, 14 and 21 December.

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES will be open in the South Transept every Monday-Saturday, from 10a.m.-4p.m. (except 18 October 15 November and 20 December when they will open from 1.30p.m.-4p.m.) and Sundays from 11.30a.m./12noon-4p.m.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 14 & 28 November – 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. We look forward to seeing you.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 15 November – 11.30a.m.-1p.m. Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by an interactive session with Revd. Debbie, and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

TOY SWAP – Saturday, 15 November – 10a.m.-5p.m. – St. Michael’s Church Hall. Bring your toys to swap or come and see what toys are waiting for you! Run by Sustainable Amersham. All Welcome.

AMERSHAM ACTION GROUP CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST. MICHAEL’S – Saturday, 29 November – 10a.m. to 5p.m.

ADVENT COURSE – 2, 9 & 16 December – 7p.m. – On Zoom. The sessions will be based on the book, ‘God of Surprises’ by Gerard W Hughes. If you would like to join the course please contact the office. If you are able to, a donation towards the cost of the book would be welcome.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 4 December – 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, 5 December – 10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. Join 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, 5 December – 2p.m.-4p.m. – in The Wheeler Room – ELVIS – Starring Austin Butler and Tom Hanks. This epic drama explores the life and music of Elvis Presley. Running Time 2hrs 30mins

CHOIRS, COFFEE & CAKE – Saturday, 6 December – 10.30a.m.-1p.m. Choirs will each be performing for 30 minutes each in the Church. Free entry – just pop in for as long as you wish. This is a family friendly occasion with refreshments available throughout. Donations are requested for Wycombe Homeless Connection.

10.30 The Heatherton Singers

11.15 Amersham A Cappella

12.00 Ukaholics Singalong

12.45 Knights of Harmony

FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 14 December. The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 3 January – 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 – Tuesdays – 12noon-2p.m. Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and on 18 November, from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m., **Challoner’s in Recital.**

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 21 November – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church.– Anne Samson shall give a talk about the ongoing work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission based in Maidenhead. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.00p.m. 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.