



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
21 December, 2025 – 4th Sunday of 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.

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

The 10.00a.m. service will be recorded and then be available on
St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Hymns for 10a.m.

98 Come thou long-expected Jesus
 Advent Antiphons 7 & 8
 471 The Angel Gabriel
 467 Tell out my soul

Readers

Jenny & Liz

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Alternative Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 7.10-16

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, 'Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.'

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

Psalms 80.1-8 Response: Show the light of your countenance, O Lord God of hosts and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;

Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Response

Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.

Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Response

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink.

Response

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Response

Romans 1.1-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Advent Antiphons 7 & 8 - Choir

Matthew 1.18-end

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

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

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, 21 December.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT ST. MICHAEL'S - raising funds for Wycombe Homeless Connection. – starting on Saturday 29th November and running up to the end of Christmas Eve.

This year we have 29 illuminated Christmas Trees, inside and outside the Church, sponsored and inspiringly decorated by local Community Groups. Well worth dropping in any day between 10a.m. and 4p.m. Free entry, with donations requested for Wycombe Homeless Connection.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – CLEARING AWAY –

Friday, 2 January - 10.30a.m. to 12.30p.m., approx. After a really successful Festival we need to clear it away and then look forward to 11 months hence! Offers of help when the Groups come in to collect their decorations would be much appreciated. Please email kiki@akipl.com

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

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 December – 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.

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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 8 January & 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.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 9 & 23 January – 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.

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 9 January – 2p.m.-4p.m – in The Wheeler Room – MR BURTON Starring Harry Lawtey and Toby Jones. In the Welsh town of Port Talbot in 1942, Richard Jenkins lives as a wayward school boy. Until his teacher Philip Burton spots his natural talent for drama. Running Time 2hrs.

FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 11 January. The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – There will be no Lunch Break session on 23 or 30 December.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 19 December – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Dr Rudi Newman, transport historian and author, will give a talk on the Lusitania, the British passenger liner. This was the ship torpedoed by a German U-boat in 1915 during World War I, creating a global outcry. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.10p.m. just after our short AGM. As this is our Christmas meeting, a glass of wine will be on offer along with the usual tea, coffee and water. 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.