



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

22 June, 2025 – 1st Sunday after Trinity

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

Sung Eucharist – Sunday, 10a.m.

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

Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.00a.m. service.

Please stay for a chat with other members of the congregation if you can.

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.

76 Christ is made the sure foundation
39 As the deer pants
We cannot measure how you heal SHS
122 Father Lord of all creation

Readers

Ann Beattie and Chris

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.**

Alternative Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

Isaiah 65.1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word of the Lord through the prophet: I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

Psalm 22.19-28

Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.

Be not far from me, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword, my poor life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, from the horns of wild oxen. You have answered me!

Response

I will tell of your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

Response

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;

neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them.

Response

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him;

their hearts shall live for ever.

Response

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.

Response

Galatians 3.23-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

Luke 8.26-39

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Offertory Hymn: We cannot measure how you heal

1. We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

2. The pain that will not go away
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

3. So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain,
and make your broken people whole.

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Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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.

BUCKS ART WEEKS – 7-22 June – Monday-Friday 10a.m.-5p.m., Saturday 10a.m.-6p.m. & Sunday 12 noon-6p.m. (Saturday, 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.

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.

AMERSHAM REFUGEE WEEK – Saturday, 21 June – 10a.m.-2p.m. – St. Michael's Square. Dancing, food, henna, art, cakes, tombola & family activities.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – The second and fourth Friday of each month. Friday, 28 June & 11 July – 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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – The first Thursday of each month. Thursday, 3 July – 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. 4 July – 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!

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.

FAIRTRADE STALL – The second Sunday of each month. Sunday, 13 July. The stall will be in the North Transept, with a variety of goods, after the 10a.m. service.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 24 June – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. Great Sacred Music.

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.

ORGAN RECITAL BY JONATHAN LEE, (Organist of Christ's Hospital West Sussex). Saturday, 19 July – 6p.m. Join us at **Great Missenden Parish Church** for wine and canapes as Jonathan showcases the colours of the historic Binns organ in a lively programme from Bach to Ian Farrington. Tickets £15 (Students £5). Tickets can be purchased on the Church website or at Samways Newsagents in Great Missenden or on the door.