



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England 23 November, 2025 – Christ the King

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 and coffee will be served after the 10.00a.m. service. Please stay for a chat if you can.

The 10.00a.m. service is recorded then available on:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Hymns for 10a.m.

13 All hail the power of Jesus' name
528 Wait for the Lord
484a The King of love my shepherd is
432 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Readers

Margaret and
Nichola

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 23.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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

Psalms 46

Response: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble;
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

Response

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Response

Response: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come and behold the works of the Lord,
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
He makes wars to cease in all the world;
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
'Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Response

Colossians 1.11-20

A reading the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Luke 23.33-43

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.



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 inspiring 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.

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 – 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.

AMERSHAM ACTION GROUP CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST. MICHAEL'S – Saturday, 29 November – 10am to 5pm

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.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 December – 11.30a.m.-1p.m. Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by an interactive session, 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.

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 25 November, from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m., a Bite Sized Service.

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 1.00pm. 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.