



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

24 March, 2024 – Palm Sunday

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

Sung Eucharist – 10a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, - Tuesday 9a.m.

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.

11 All glory, laud and honour

435 Ride on, ride on in majesty

Taize 2 p.63 Son of God, O Lord Jesus Christ **SHS**

389 O sacred head, surrounded

213 Holy Jesu, by the passion

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

Litergy of the Palms

Mark 11.1-11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Litergy of the Passion

Isaiah 50.4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been

disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?
For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Son of God, O Lord Jesus Christ – Sung 3x

Son of God, O Lord Jesus Christ, show us your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer. Lord, hear our prayer.

Mark 14.1-15.39

The Passion Gospel will be dramatized.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

RIP. BASIL MACNAB. The funeral of Basil Macnab will be on Tuesday, April 2nd. at 1.15pm. at the Chilterns Crematorium, Hampden Chapel. All will be welcome to attend.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE: 25 MARCH – 22 APRIL

Emails and phone calls will be monitored during this time, but may take a little longer to reply to than usual. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

LENT APPEAL 2024 – The beneficiary for the St. Michael and All Angels Church Lent Appeal will once again be the "Friends of St. Anne's Hospital, Liuli" in Tanzania, a charity we have supported for over 10 years, which brings much needed medical services to a remote part of Africa. Envelopes for cash and cheques with gift aid forms are attached or available in the Narthex. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of St. Anne's Hospital". Alternatively, donations can be made through the church's card reader or made directly through the charity's website: "<https://friends-of-st-annes.com/>" If you donate this way, please use the option "Leave a message" as follows "From a member of the congregation of St. Michael's Church, Amersham".

EASTER SERVICES 2024

Palm Sunday, 24 March—8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

Maundy Thursday (with foot washing), 28 March—8p.m., **Good Friday**, 29 March—10a.m., followed by a COTHA service at 11.30a.m. on St. Michael's Square., **Easter Vigil**, Saturday, 30 March—8p.m., **Easter Sunday**, 31 March—8.30a.m. & 10a.m.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral roll will be closed for revision prior to the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Sunday, 28 April. Anyone who lives in the parish, and/or is a regular attendee at church services is entitled to be on the roll. If you meet the qualifying criteria, and wish to be included on the roll in time to be able to vote at the APCM at the end of April, please ensure that your completed form is submitted to the Church Office, **by Friday, 5 April.**

LUNCH IN CHURCH TO CELEBRATE FR. PETER BINNS' 80TH BIRTHDAY – Tuesday, 23 April 2024

There will be a lunch in church to celebrate Fr. Peter Binns' 80th Birthday on Tuesday, 23 April 2024. All members of the congregation are invited. It will help with the catering arrangements if you will let the Church Office know by Friday, 22 March if you would like to be at the lunch ([email: office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk); tel: 01494 726680). Tickets will be issued in due course to those who do so. Please will you at the same time let the Office know about any allergies or dietary requirements. If you wish to speak to Hazel Miller about this, as it is a Church Office matter, please will you do so during Office opening hours during the week, and not on a Sunday. There will be no charge for the lunch, but donations towards the cost (which may be made on the day) will be appreciated, although not required.

LEARN TO DANCE MODERN JIVE – Every Saturday – from 7.30p.m. – In the Church Hall – 23 March

The classes are free, albeit donations towards St. Michael's are welcome! You don't need to know how to dance or even turn up every week, just drop in any week and have fun!

CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 22 March & 12 April – 10.30a.m.-12noon.

A drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. This Friday, 22nd March the group will be talking about lace making and Esther is going to share some ideas about different types of lace; please come along to support her and enjoy the session. All welcome.

THE TOWN COUNCIL CLIMATE ACTION DAY EVENT – St. Michael's Square – March 23rd – 10a.m.-1p.m.

Including a fashion show of recycled/repaired items, a toy swap, a clothes swap and interactive environmental displays. Amersham Town Council in partnership with Amersham School, Dr Challoner's H"POP IN AND PAINT"
– **Friday, 5 April – CANCELLED. The next session will be on Friday 3 May**

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 – Friday, 5 April – 2p.m.-4p.m. – Wheeler Room – THE QUIET GIRL

Irish Cait, a quiet neglected young girl, is sent away from her dysfunctional family to live with relatives for the summer. Cait senses that something is plaguing her new foster parents. Introducing Catherine Clinch as 'Cait'. Running Time 1hr.30mins.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 April – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.

The third Saturday each month. This is a fun, informal activity for all the family, combining creative activities and biblical teaching, followed by lunch. All welcome. No need to book. Just turn up.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's**RESTORE HOPE PUBLIC CONSULTATION – SATURDAY, 23 MARCH – 10a.m.-2p.m. – Held in the building that was formerly St. John's Methodist Church, 60 Woodside Road, HP6 6AN.**

Restore Hope are encouraging all who live and work locally to help them develop a vision for this new community space. The first public consultation will take place on 23rd March from 10am. to 2pm. at 60, Woodside Road, to share architect drawings and programming ideas.

For more information and to confirm your interest in attending this event, please follow this link:

<https://www.amershamsociety.org/event/restore-hope-amersham-public-consultation>

LUNCHEBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 26 March – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. Great Sacred Music for Holy Week.

ST. ANDREWS LITERATURE FESTIVAL – 21-22 JUNE

"Join us in Great Missenden for the St. Andrews Literature Festival! Listen to captivating stories and wisdom from some of the UK's best loved Christian authors, right on your doorstep. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with great Christian literature and find out how God is changing lives through the written word. Find out more - <https://stalitfest.co.uk/>"