



## St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

27 April, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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 if you can.*

*Due to technical issues the 10a.m. service will not be streamed live. It will be available shortly after the service on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>*

### Hymns for 10a.m.

24 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

152 Gather around, for the table is spread

80 Christ the Lord is risen again

563 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

### Readers

Margaret

Jenny Baker

### Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

### Acts 5.27–32

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

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

### Psalm 118. 14-end

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

**Response: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.**

**Response**

Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;

the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

**Response**

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

**Response**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**Response**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**Response**

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

**Response**

**Response: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God; he has given us light;

link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.

**Response**

You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

**Response**

### **Revelation 1.4–8**

*A reading from the book of Revelation.*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

### **John 20.19–31**

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

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## ***APRIL Activities and Events at St. Michael's***

**A big thank you to everyone for making Holy Week and Easter such a wonderful and spirit filled journey.**

**We welcome Wren Amanda Hazel Barraclough for baptism on Sunday, 4 May at the 10a.m. service. Please come along to the service and support Wren and her family.**

**A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 25 April – 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 – 1st Thursday of each month – next session Thursday, 1 May – 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” – 2 May – 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 – Saturday, 3 May – 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.

**MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 17 May – 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.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – Sunday, 18 May - 10.00a.m.** The APCM will take place on Sunday, 18 May at 10a.m. in church, followed by a short Holy Communion Service. Attendance at the APCM is limited to those on the electoral roll of the parish. The agenda and other papers relating to the meeting will be circulated to those on the roll. The meeting agenda includes elections for vacancies on the PCC.

## ***Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's***

**LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 29 April – 12noon-2p.m.** - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. the Community Connex Concert.

**WENDOVER ARTS FESTIVAL – 24-26 May 2025 – St Mary's Church, Wendover HP22 6NL** – Exhibition & sale of art, paintings, prints, textiles, photographs, sculpture, pottery and glass. Over 70 artists exhibiting. Lunches, teas and raffle available. Admission: Adults £2, children (under 16) free. For more information please visit [www.wendover-arts-festival.co.uk](http://www.wendover-arts-festival.co.uk).

**ST ANDREWS LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2025 – 13-14 June – Great Missenden, Bucks** – 20+ authors, workshops and art exhibition. For more details please visit [WWW.STALITFEST.CO.UK](http://WWW.STALITFEST.CO.UK)