



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

3 May, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

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 not be streamed live but will be available shortly after the service on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Hymns:

- 26 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
- 181 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing
- 28 Among us and before us
- 142 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

Readers:

Margaret and Ann Jarvis

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 7.55-end

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

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 31 1-5

Response: I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold.

Response

Guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

Response

'My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and save me for your mercy's sake.'

Response

1 Peter 2.2-10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,’ and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

John 14.1-14

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

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’

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

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

RIP Ann Appelboom. Details of Ann’s funeral will be communicated to the congregation as soon as they are available.

GIVING TO THE CHURCH – If you are a tax payer and are considering putting cash in the offertory plate please consider using a Gift Aid envelope, available from one of the welcomers. We can claim an additional 25p for every pound donated in this way.

POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 1 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 to watch the proceedings!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 1 May – 2p.m.-4p.m. – 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.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 2 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. The repair café is on the first Saturday of every second month.

RED KITE CRAFT MARKET – Saturday, 2 May – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael’s Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 7 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.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 8 & 22 May – 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.

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

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 16 May – 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.

VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY – Sunday, 7 June 2026 – to celebrate Revd. Debbie's 10thth-year of being here at St. Michael's and her 20th year of ordination. **Please let the office know if you will be attending.**

FR. PETER'S 50th YEAR OF ORDINATION – We will celebrate this on 28 June with special refreshments after the 10a.m. service. **Please let the office know if you will be attending.**

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHEBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 5 May – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – a talk, a Bite Sized Service or Music. *All Welcome.*

TALK: THE IMPORTANCE AND LEGACY OF TYNDALE'S TRANSLATION – St. Mary's Church, Old Amersham – 5 May- 7p.m.-9p.m. - £5 suggested donation In partnership with the [Tyndale Society](#) and [St. Mary's Church](#), we are marking Tyndale500, the 500th anniversary of the first New Testament in English.

500 years ago in 1526 William Tyndale published the first New Testament in English to ever be printed and the first to be translated from the original Greek. His words and phraseology set a standard which continues today. The famous Authorised Version owes much to his text, and readers of Bibles in modern English still owe a great debt to Tyndale.

For more details and tickets please see: <https://amershammuseum.org/event/the-importance-and-legacy-of-tyndales-translation/>

STEPHEN WILCOX PLAYS ORGAN MUSIC by JS Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Pachelbel and others – Saturday, 9 May – 11a.m. (coffee served from 10:30) – St Lawrence church Abbots Langley (near Watford). Music inspired by chorale melodies from the Lutheran hymn tradition. Some well-know favourites and some pieces that are less familiar. Free admission, with a retiring collection in aid of the lych gate repair fund.

TALK: FROM WYCLIF THROUGH TYNDALE AND BEYOND: THE REFORMATION IN AMERSHAM – St. Mary's Church, Old Amersham – 12 May – 7p.m.-9p.m. - £5 suggested donation. In partnership with the [Tyndale Society](#) and [St. Mary's Church](#), we are marking Tyndale500, the 500th anniversary of the first New Testament in English.

Amersham was very hospitable to Lollardy, the heretical movement which flowed from the ideas of John Wyclif (d.1384). Lollards stressed the importance of the Bible in English, but copies were only available in manuscript and their ownership was forbidden. Despite persecution, Lollardy persisted in Amersham through to the early sixteenth century. In 1526 William Tyndale produced the first printed translation of the New Testament, which was also the first translation from the original Greek. It proved impossible to control its distribution, and it was to change English-speaking religion for ever.

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LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 15 May – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Peter Healy will be giving a talk on 'The life of Edward Watkin, a great Victorian.' Sir Edward Watkin was a British MP and railway entrepreneur who expanded the Metropolitan Railway into Buckinghamshire, establishing Amersham Station in 1892. He also tried to dig a Channel Tunnel and build a rival to the Eiffel Tower in Wembley. 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. *Members of St. Michael's very welcome.*