



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England 30 November, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Advent

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

Sung Eucharist (with incense), Sunday, 10a.m.

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

The 10.00a.m. service will be recorded then available on

St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Hymns for 10a.m.

49 Awake, awake, fling off the night
Advent antiphons 1-3
200 Hark the sound of holy voices
307 Lo he comes with clouds descending
227 v5 Together met, together bound

Readers

Chris

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alternative Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Isaiah 2.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

Psalm 122

Response: I was glad when they said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem;

Response

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.

Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

Response

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.

'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'

Response

For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

Response

Romans 13.11-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Advent Antiphons 1-3 – Choir Only

Matthew 24.36-44

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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 inspiringly 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 & 12 December – 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 – 10a.m. to 5p.m.

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 with Revd. Debbie, 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 2 December, from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m., Community Connex Christmas Concert.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 19 December – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Dr Rudi Newman, transport historian and author, shall give a talk on the Lusitania, the British passenger liner. This was the ship torpedoed by a German U-boat in 1915, during World War I, creating a global outcry. As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.10pm just after our short AGM. As this is our Christmas meeting a glass of wine will be on offer along with the usual tea, coffee and water. 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.