



## ***St. Michael & All Angels, Amersham – Church of England***

**4 May 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Said Eucharists - Sunday, 8.30a.m. Sunday 10.00a.m. (including Baptism),  
and Tuesday, 10.30a.m.**

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

***Due to technical issues 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>***

***We welcome Will, Carly, Albie and their family and friends,  
for the baptism of Wren Amanda Hazel Barraclough***

### **Hymns for 10a.m.**

405 One more step along the world I go

454 Spirit of the Living God

317 Lord, the light of your love is shining

153 Give me joy in my heart

### **Collect**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### **Acts 9.1–6 (8.30a.m. only)**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

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

### **John 21.1–14 (8.30a.m. and 10a.m.)**

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though

there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### ***MAY Activities and Events at St. Michael & All Angels***

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – The first Thursday of each month. Thursday, 1 May & 5 June – 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" – The first Friday of each month. 2 May & 6 June – 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 – The first Saturday of every second month. 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.

**A CRAFTY CUPPA – The second and fourth Friday of each month. Friday, 9 & 23 May – 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.

**FAIRTRADE STALL – The second Sunday of each month. Sunday, 11 May.** The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

**MESSY CHURCH – The third Saturday of each month (except August) 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, 6, 13, 20 & 27 May – 12noon-2p.m.** - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. a talk, music or a short service.

**FRIDAY LUNCH FORUM** (formerly Amersham Free Church Lunch Group) **Friday, 16 May – from 12.15p.m.** Our next meeting will be held at Amersham Free Church on Friday, 16 May when Alison Bailey from Amersham Museum who is the local, 'Nostalgia' columnist in the Bucks Free Press will be our speaker. Alison's talk is on 'Arts & Crafts style - Amersham' which is all about social change, and the development and architecture of the new town with the arrival of the railway at the end of the 19th century. This should be an interesting topic so why not put the date in your diary, come along, enjoy your own lunch and find out about how Amersham on the Hill grew up. As usual we will sit down to eat our own food at 12.15p.m. -12.30p.m. with the talk starting at 1.00p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. All very welcome.

Willie Reid – Chair 2025

**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).