



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England **5 October, 2025 – 16th Sunday after Trinity**

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

Sung – Sunday 10.00a.m.

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

158 Glorious things of thee are spoken

428 Purify my heart

235 I, the Lord of sea and sky

73 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Readers:

Ann Jarvis

Andy Connor

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgement comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

Psalms 37.1-9

Response: Be still before the Lord and wait for him.

Fret not because of evildoers; be not jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like grass and like the green herb fade away.

Trust in the Lord and be doing good; dwell in the land and be nourished with truth.

Response

Let your delight be in the Lord and he will give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

Response

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait for him; do not fret over those that prosper as they follow their evil schemes.

Response

Refrain from anger and abandon wrath; do not fret, lest you be moved to do evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. **Response**

2 Timothy 1.1-14

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 17.5-10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"' This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

You are invited to a **special All Souls Service at St Michael's on Sunday, 2nd November at 4.00p.m.**, during which we shall gather to remember with prayer and thanksgiving loved ones who have died. During the service there will be an opportunity to have names read out and to light a candle in their memory. If you are unable to be at St Michael's but would like us to read out the name of anyone you wish to remember and light a candle on your behalf, please do let the Parish Office know. As usual, everyone is welcome to attend this service whether or not you attend St Michael's.

"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 3 October – 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!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB – Friday, 3 October – 2p.m.-4p.m. – in The Wheeler Room – MR HOLMES: Academy award nominee Ian McKellen, takes on the iconic role of Detective Sherlock Holmes. Running Time: 1hr. 40mins.

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY CELEBRATIONS – Saturday, 4 October – 10a.m.-2p.m. Come along, celebrate the wealth of diverse activities that St. Michael's has to offer to those within the church and the wider community. It promises to be FUN!

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 10 & 24 October – 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 – Sunday, 12 October. The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 18 October – 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.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 1 November – 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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 6 November – 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.

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 7 October, from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m., a Bite Sized Service.

BIBLE TEACHING DAY – Saturday, 11 October – 10a.m.-3p.m. The Amersham Free Church have invited us to join them for their upcoming annual event. The session, 'Reading and Singing God's Word', will be led by retired United Reformed Church Minister, The Revd. Dr. John Miller Campbell. More details can be found from Sunday on the poster on the noticeboard outside the church.

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 17 October – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Bring a packed lunch. A talk will follow lunch, at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers. All very welcome.