



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

**6 April, 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent, Passiontide**

**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 be streamed live, and then be available on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>**

**Hymns for 10a.m.**

- 249 In the cross of Christ I glory
- 347 Nothing can trouble
- 30 And can it be
- 287a Just as I am

**Readers**

Rachel and Andy

**Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Isaiah 43.16–21**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

**Psalm 126**

**Response: The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy.

**Response**

Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced.

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert.

**Response.**

Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

**Response**

### **Philippians 3.4b–14**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

### **John 12.1–8**

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**



# Easter Services 2025

St Michael & All Angels Church - Church of England, Inclusive Church

**Ash Wednesday - 5 March, 10.30am & 7pm**

**Palm Sunday - 13 April, 8.30am & 10am**

**Maundy Thursday - 17 April, 8pm**

(Includes washing of feet)

**Good Friday - 18 April, 10am**

**& St Michael's Square at 11.30am**

**Holy Saturday - 19 April, Service of Light, 8pm**

**Easter Day - 20 April, 8.30am & 10am**



All Welcome

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**\*\*\*\* 2025 ELECTORAL ROLL REVIEW \*\*\*\***

The big 6 yearly review of the Roll is happening! Everyone currently on the Roll must reapply in order to be included! Emails with links to the new form have been sent out to everyone on the current Roll, and forms have been sent to those not on e-mail and are available to those who would prefer to apply offline. If you are having difficulty filling in the form, please do get in touch. NOT ON THE ROLL BUT WOULD LIKE TO ENROL? Please speak to myself or Rachel via the Church Office (email: [office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk) or Tel: [01494 726680](tel:01494726680)) with your contact details, and we will get a form to you. The final date to submit your form is 14 April.

Chris Leslie  
Electoral Roll Officer

**2025 LENT APPEAL** – This year the St Michael's Lent Appeal is, once again, the **Friends of St. Anne's Hospital, Liuli, Tanzania**. More can be found about them on the charity's website <https://friends-of-st-annes.com/>. For reasons given in our March Newsletter, this will be the last time that this charity will be our chosen charity. Please give generously either through the card reader in the Narthex (to which gift aid is added), by cash or by cheque made out to "Friends of St. Anne's Hospital", placed in the envelopes in the Narthex with gift aid forms."

**"POP IN AND PAINT"** – **Friday, 4 April & 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!

**WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB**– **Friday, 4 April – 2p.m.-4p.m** – **THE MIRACLE CLUB** Starring Maggie Smith and Kathy Bates. Winning a pilgrimage to Lourdes seems like an answer to all prayers. However, deep wounds from the past are re-opened and bitter truths exposed. Running Time 1hr. 26mins.

**A CRAFTY CUPPA** – **Friday, 11 & 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.

Do join us for tea and coffee for our Crafty Cuppa Easter 'extravaganza' in church on Friday, 11 April at 10.30am. Bring your Easter bonnets or hats/caps! and anything that brings you special joy at Easter.

**FAIR TRADE STALL – Sunday, 13 April – After the 10a.m. Eucharist.** The stall regularly offers a range of groceries and seasonal items, with other lines on request. Please come to the stall and support Fair Trade.

**MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 19 April – 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.

**NEW CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – 1st Thursday of the month from 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.

**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.

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

**LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 8, 15, 22 & 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. there will be a talk or recital as follows: 8 April, Arctic Journey with Janet Reid; 15 April, Cover Versions with Chris Ibberson; 22 April, Great Sacred Music; 29 April, Community Connex Concert.

**AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH MONTHLY LUNCH GROUP – Friday, 11 April – starts 12.15p.m.**

The next meeting will be on Friday, 11 April, when Rudi Newman will give a talk on the R101 airship. Rudi is an expert in transport matters and has talked to us in the past on the Titanic and Railways in the Chilterns. As usual we will sit down to eat our own food at 12.15-12.30 with the talk starting at 1.00pm. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5. All welcome. **Please note the change from the usual third Friday of the month.**