

St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
9 November, 2025 – 3rd Sunday before Advent
& Remembrance Sunday

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m. and Tuesday, 10.00a.m.

Gathered Round– Sunday 10.00a.m.

Remembrance Day Service in St. Michael's Square,

Tuesday, 11 November, 10.55a.m.

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

The Traidcraft stall will be in the North Transept after the 10am service. Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.00a.m. service. Please stay for a chat if you can.

Hymns for 10a.m.

40 As we are gathered52 Be still and know139a For the healing of the nations366 O God our help in ages past

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Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Job 19.23-27a

A reading from the book of Job.

Job said to his companions: 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

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

Psalm 17.1-9 Response: Incline your ear to me, O lord, and listen to my words.

Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint; listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes behold what is right.

Response

Weigh my heart, examine me by night, refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.

My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; I have heeded the words of your lips. Response

My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments; my feet have not stumbled in your paths. I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me, and listen to my words. **Response**

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

Response

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Response

Luke 20.27-38

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless;

then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.

Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY – Remembrance Day services will be held on Sunday, 9 November at 8.30a.m. and 10a.m. at St. Michael's Church and on Tuesday, 11 November at 10.55 in St. Michael's Square. Because of this, the Tuesday Eucharist on 11 November will start at 10a.m. From Saturday, 1st November, until Tuesday, 9 November, The British Legion will be selling poppies on St. Michael's Square.

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.

"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 7 November – 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, 7 November – 2p.m.-4p.m – in The Wheeler Room – GREEN FINGERS, Starring Clive Owen and Helen Mirren. Based on a true story, Colin Briggs (Clive Owen) is serving a sentence for murder. After being transferred to an open prison in the heart of the Cotswolds, life takes on a whole new meaning. 1hr. 26mins.

FAIRTRADE STALL – Sunday, 9 November. The stall will be in the North Transept, after the 10a.m. service.

The monthly Newsletter from our Fair Trade rep, Margaret Dykes, includes some grim news about the deteriorating situation in Palestine.

A number of forces are converging in real time: a poor harvest, soaring local prices, and a fragile economy already on the brink, all dealing a harsh blow to farmers who are contending with so much. Across the West Bank, an increasing number of olive groves are now inaccessible, cut off by expanding settlements, military checkpoints and gates erected to block entry and exit.

We can support Palestinian farmers by buying Zaytoun dates, oil, soap, and their delicious almonds from our monthly stall. Zaytoun is a British non-profit organisation which supports Palestinian farming communities by helping to increase the market for their products internationally, and by helping farmers improve the quality of their oil through training and equipment provision.

Please do come and visit the stall while you enjoy your cup of coffee.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 14 & 28 November – 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.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 15 November – 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.

TOY SWAP – Saturday, 15 November – 10a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Bring your toys to swap or come and see what toys are waiting for you! Run by Sustainable Amersham. All Welcome.

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.

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

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 11 November, from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m., **Chiltern U3A Recorder Group in Recital.**

LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 21 November – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church. – Anne Samson shall give a talk about the ongoing work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission based in Maidenhead. 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.

It would be wonderful to have members from St Michael's come and join us.