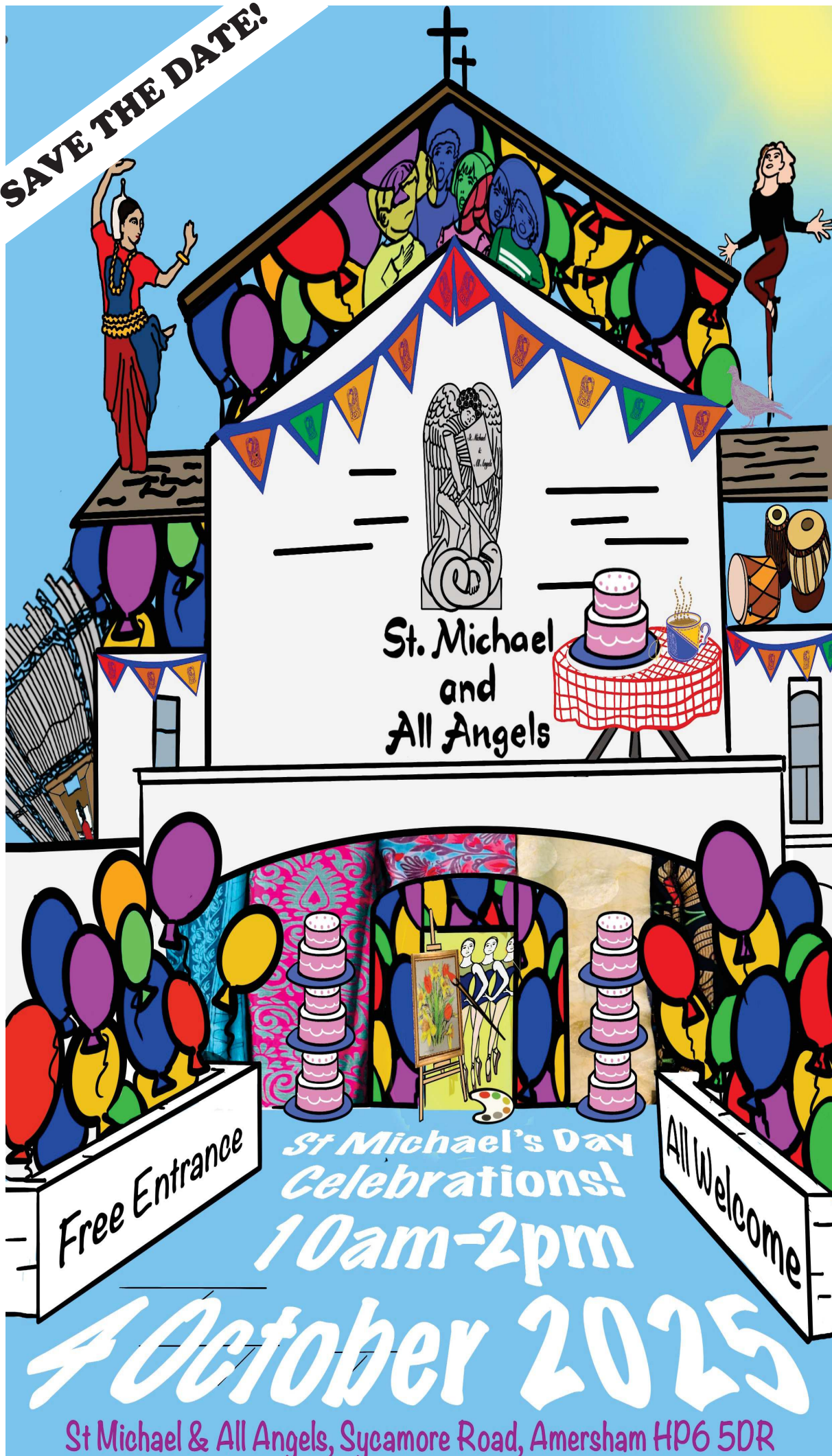


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**ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS — Parish Church of Amersham on the Hill**

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"We've had a tip-off that the sermon is going to over-run again."

## St. Michael's Vision Statement

*As a Christian community, we seek to engage with the world around us and to be a place of welcome and acceptance for all on a journey to God – believers, doubters and those who are seeking.*

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Vicar, PCC or the official policy of St. Michael's Church.

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## From the Editor – Rebecca

You might remember that in the July/August edition of the newsletter we asked for comments about a picture of Jesus with Mary and Joseph. The caption we enjoyed most was from Neil Lynch with the caption, 'Joseph: "Listen to your mother" Jesus: "Whatever!"

September is known in the Church as the Season of Creation. A couple of poems that speak to finding God within creation have been included in this month's newsletter and offer much to ponder on. Or, you may prefer to reflect on Romans 8:19-21, *For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.*

During this season we celebrate Holy Cross Day, a day when Christians commemorate the cross of Jesus Christ and celebrate it being found again after it was lost during the fall of Jerusalem in AD70; Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, and Michael and All Angels.

If you are able to support the St Michael's Day Celebrations on 4 October or during the preparation for the day please do let Neil know (neiljlynch@hotmail.com).

It seems a little early to be talking about Christmas, however, if you think you might be able to help Kiki with Christmas Trees or the Choirs and Cake event later this year please to contact her in person or via email (kiki@akipl.com) to register your interest. She will be so grateful to have some help!

Items you can recycle at St. Michael's have altered slightly. You can now recycle corks in addition to other items. For a full list of what you can recycle in Amersham and where you can recycle it, please see the general noticeboard on St. Michael's Square.

The joint COTHA, United Churches service in July was a joyful occasion with many people staying to chat with each other and even make new friends after the service.

As usual, wonderful

hymns were sung. Here is a reminder of one of the verses:

*Lord, as we minister in different ways, May all we're doing show that you're living, meeting your love with our praise.*



Fr Peter Bury, David, Debbie, Chies, Rev John Green, 06/07/25



## Get Knitting!

Crafty Cuppa invite you to knit poppies for Remembrance Sunday. Join them on 12 or 26 September or 10 or 24 October at St. Michael's between 10.30a.m. and 12 noon to knit in company, or get knitting at home and bring your poppies into the church, or give them to someone who can bring them on your behalf.

### Poppy knitting pattern.

Cast on 80 sts

4mm(UK8 ) needles

Red DK Wool.

Row 1-8

Knit every row.

Row 9 -K2 together, repeat to end (40sts)

Row 10 - K2 repeat to end (20sts)

Row 11 - K2 together to end (10sts)

Cut yarn with a long end and thread a sewing needle.

Run yarn through remaining 10 stitches.

Remove them off needle, pull up tight, sew up side seam and fasten off.

Sew a black button, or circle of black felt or crochet centre with black wool.

## Would you like to join the reading team?

Readers are asked when they are available to read at 10a.m. services then allocated readings accordingly.

If this interests you, please let the church office know.



## 2025 Harvest Appeal Charity: Karibuni Children in Kenya

Karibuni Children are a charity run from Stoke Mandeville that works to help Kenyan children to fulfil their potential and release themselves from the cycle of poverty. They do this by partnering with locally run projects to support children who may not otherwise receive an education, to go to school. Over 1,000 children and young people have completed their education through their programme, 700 children and young people are currently being supported through their education by them. 27% of Karibuni children achieved higher grades than the national average at secondary school and 20% of Karibuni children achieved higher grades than the national average at primary school. The charity's mission is "Transforming young Kenyan lives through education, empowering each child to fulfil their potential and release themselves from the cycle of poverty" and their vision "To create a sustainable environment where every supported child, their family unit and local community has the opportunity to be self-sufficient."

Their former Chairman of Trustees, Nigel Roberts, is an Amersham resident and well known to many of us here in St Michaels; he, or another Trustee/Supporter of the Charity, will be coming to the 10am service at St Michael's on Sunday 7th September to give a presentation about the work they do and, of course, to encourage us to give generously to them."



## Support St Michael's HARVEST APPEAL

### KARIBUNI CHILDREN

**A locally run Kenyan charity, which helps children escape poverty and gain an education.**

**A presentation about this charity will be made during the St. Michael's Church Service (70 Sycamore Road, Amersham-on-the-Hill, HP6 5DR) At 10am on Sunday, 7 September.**

**Please support this charity by making a donation via the QR code below, the card machine located at the entrance to the church, or by filling an envelope and handing it to the church office.**

[www.karibuni.org.uk](http://www.karibuni.org.uk)



Photos by Nick Spollin - Gathering Voices



**A Quick Peek** *Little Learners* will perform at the St Michael's Day celebrations. (For contact details for *Little Learners* the please see pg. 7).

**Little Learners** We are a small and friendly nursery for 2-5 year olds, run from the church hall. We believe in developing confident, caring and curious children who develop a love of learning that will last a lifetime. We will be singing a few of our favourite nursery rhymes during the celebration and are very excited to be part of it for the first time.

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## Wise Choices Film Club

Held in The Wheeler Room at St. Michael's Church

1st Friday of the month  
**SEPTEMBER – APRIL,**  
2.00pm. – 4.00pm.



**Next showing Friday 5th September: CONCLAVE**

Starring Ralph Fiennes. A top class thriller, Conclave follows one of the worlds most secretive and ancient events—selecting a new Pope. Running Time 1hr 45mins

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## A Pilgrim Rose by Rebecca Olsen

In a moment of spiritual difficulty I was gifted this very special rose. 'It's a Pilgrim Rose', I was told.

As I walked home, holding the rose, I looked at the petals, how they curved in ways that allowed them to fit in, how they clustered at the centre of the rose then spread out around the outer reaches of the rose. I watched how the light filtered through each part of the rose, some places hardly touching the petals whilst other petals became almost transparent.

I considered my life against my observations of the rose, the twists and turns it has taken, how light has not always penetrated when too many things have been happening or too many or the wrong people were too close, but also how all parts create the whole.

Roses do not grow without water or sunlight and likewise we do not grow without water and we can face lots of difficulty without sunlight. As Christians we believe God to be the light of the world

**John 8:12: Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

and that the living water of the Lord sustains us.

**John 4:14, Jesus says, "whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**

In the rose I remember that reflections of God are all around us, ready to pull us back onto our pilgrimage towards Him; ready to remind us that light exists even when we might be walking in darkness, and that those walking in light are surrounding us, ready to remind us of Jesus and guide us out of darkness.

## Love Song

**By Joy Tobler**

God in dazzling darkness  
strides across His worlds  
igniting stars, spinning galaxies,  
counting hairs, collecting teardrops.

He sings His love songs  
to His creatures, crooning  
over them silently, communing  
spirit to breathing soul.

His beauty within their being  
strives to echo His song,  
to be free of ugly chains,  
to soar up into His light

where He waits eagerly  
pulsing with loving mercy,  
longing to give His peace  
full of sparkling life-melody.



# The Cross Day

## By Edmond Eiliazadeh

The Christian calendar includes various feasts of the Cross, all of which commemorate the cross used in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Each year on 14 September the church celebrates Holy Cross Day in most of the Anglican community. This is known as an important symbol for the church. After all we regularly make “The sign of the cross”, and a majority of us bow to the cross during the liturgy.

Perhaps, also it is interesting to mention that in the Assyrian community, there is a similar marked day known as a “cleansing of the cross”, which occurs after Easter on a particular Sunday including the Eucharist. During the ceremony, the priest takes the cross off the stand and walks to the churchyard and asks the congregation to follow and help in cleaning the cross with the blessed water. This is supposedly to clean the blood of Christ off the cross after the crucifixion.

While the cleaning of the cross is in progress, the priest asks for some donations/gifts from the congregation. This process is performed like an auction. The name of whoever gives the highest donation is announced as a cross carrier, then he or she walks back into the church with the cross and the next highest bidder puts the cross in the stand.

The donations are used for good causes.



*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

(1 Corinthians 1:18).

## I Seek

I seek You, God –  
the earth overloaded with man,  
the more there is, the less remains:  
more noise, less silence,  
more to have, less to be.

I seek You in a starless sky –  
smog veils the firmament,  
the light of promise fades.

I seek You in a crowd of one-person passengers,  
cars – chariots of comfort, plastic smiles –  
the domain of the bourgeois.

And yet...

I find You, God,  
when bare feet touch a meadow full of poppies –  
every stem  
a prayer rising to You.

I find You when the sea breeze  
scatters clouds like doubt,  
and the sky, illumined,  
becomes a foretaste of encounter.

I see You in the hearts  
of those who choose to *be*.  
The world tempts with the illusion of possession –  
they recognize the value of presence.

I burn entirely with Your Love.

Where am I closest to You?  
In the whispers of prayer,  
when ego humbly steps aside,  
and Agape blossoms.

I kneel, weary of life,  
gazing –  
at Your presence,  
which breaks human categories.

I find You in the Divine Sacrament –  
You become Flesh  
and Communion for eternity.  
The mind cannot grasp,  
but the heart – knows.

**by Patryk P.  
Jakubowski**

## Eucharists:

**Sundays** 8.30am and 10am  
(Gathered Round on the second Sunday of each month is especially designed for families)  
**Sunday 28 September— St. Michael's Day Patronal Festival.**

**Tuesdays** 10.30am

## Morning Prayer:

**Tuesdays** 9am in the Lady Chapel.

## Messy Church: 20 September '25

(The third Saturday each month 11.30am—1pm, EXCEPT AUGUST)

**St. Michael's** is usually open to ALL for private prayer from 10am—4pm Mon– Fri.

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>, will access live-streamed services.

## WORSHIP

### WARDENS

7 Sept Alan Bacon  
14 Sept Andy Connor  
21 Sept Claire O'Beirne  
28 Sept (Patronal) Andy Connor

Please see:

[stmichaelsamersham.org.uk](http://stmichaelsamersham.org.uk)

for more details

## ACTIVITIES AT ST. MICHAEL'S & BEYOND

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 4 September — 10am-12 noon—St. Michael's, Wheeler Room**  
Tea, Coffee and Chat

**POP IN & PAINT— 5 September —10.30am-12.15pm, St. Michael's, Main Church**  
Join Jenny Thompson and Liz Grammenos from Simpatico. No experience needed. Materials provided.

**WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB— 5 September —2pm-4pm, St. Michael's, Wheeler Room**  
Join Isabel Wise for a screening of "Conclave". Refreshments provided.

**REPAIR CAFÉ—6th September—10am-apm, St. Michael's, Main Church**  
Volunteer repairers will help you fix your stuff for free. No appointment required. Free refreshments.

**A CRAFTY CUPPA—12 & 26 September — 10.30am-12 noon—St. Michael's, Wheeler Room**  
A drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. Feel free to bring a craft with you.

**LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church Every Tuesday – 12noon-2pm**  
Tea, coffee and soup available 1.10pm-1.30pm Music, a talk, or a short service.

**FRIDAY LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 19 September – from 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church.**  
Bring a packed lunch. A talk starts at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided.  
Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers.

**Mondays** **Mature Movers** 1.45pm-2.45pm  
**Stay Steady, Stay Strong** 3pm-4pm (Tel: 07951 294178)  
**Amersham Dance Studio** Children from 3+. 4pm-10pm  
(email: [emma@amershamdancestudio.co.uk](mailto:emma@amershamdancestudio.co.uk))

**Tuesdays** **Tuffney Performing Arts Academy** 5pm-6pm  
(Email: [office@tuffney.com](mailto:office@tuffney.com))  
**Yoga with Shiv** 5pm—7pm (Glover Rm) (Science based approach, open to all. Tel: 07815132157)  
**Amersham A Capella** 7pm-11pm (<https://www.amershamacappella.com/>)

**Wednesdays** **Karate Club** 6.30pm-8pm (Tel: 07951 024 397)  
**Badminton Club** 8.15pm-10.15 pm (Tel: 01923 264791)

**Thursdays** **Badminton** 1.30pm-3.30pm  
**Amersham Dance Studio** Children from 3+. 4pm-7pm  
(email: [emma@amershamdancestudio.co.uk](mailto:emma@amershamdancestudio.co.uk))

**Fridays** **Stay Steady, Stay Strong** 1.30pm-3.45pm (Tel: 07951 294178)

Please see <https://stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/venue-for-community-events/> for details how to book the hall  
For information about **Little Learners Nursery** please see <https://littlelearnersamersham.co.uk>

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE HALL

**Saturday, 20 September, Messy Church** will be on in St. Michael's from 11.30am to 1pm. Fun activities followed by a short interactive session about the story behind the activities, and lunch, which is provided for all. No need to book, just turn up. All welcome. This activity is free but donations are welcome to cover costs.



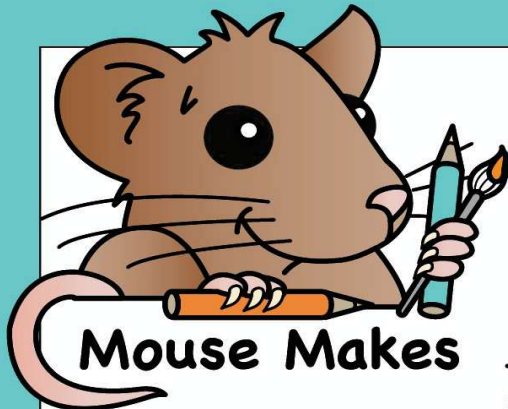
## Weddings, Baptisms, and Deaths:

### RIP

**Philip Roderick**  
**Sybil Whitfield**

# DIARY SEPTEMBER '25





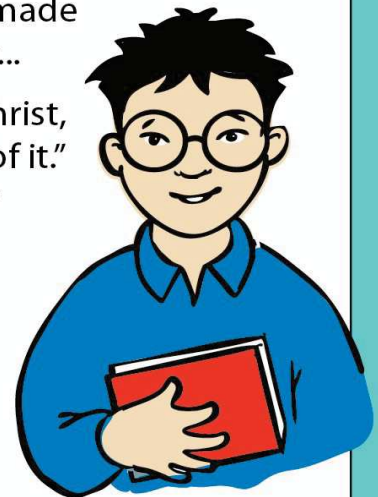
"Just as a **body**, though **one**, has **many** parts, but all its many **parts** form one body, so it is with **Christ**. For we were all baptised by one **Spirit** so as to form one body... Even so, the body is not made up of one part but of many...

...Now you are the body of Christ, and **each** one of you is part of it."

*from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27*



*Just as the different parts of our body need each other to make a **whole**, living person so Christians need each other to make a whole living church!*



"Though we are many, we are one body in **union** with Christ, and we are **joined** to each other as **different** parts of one body."

*from Romans 12:1-7*



K N E E S  
J O W H O L E  
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*Look in the Bible verses for the words written in **bold** then look for these words too!*

GOD • TOGETHER • EQUAL • ALL • EVERY  
HEAD • EYES • EARS • MOUTH • TONGUE  
TEETH • NOSE • ARMS • HANDS • FINGERS  
LEGS • KNEES • FEET • TOES • GIFTS

