



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
12 October, 2025 – 17th Sunday after Trinity, Harvest Festival

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

Gathered Round – Sunday 10.00a.m.

You are invited to bring tinned or dried food to the Gathered Round service.

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 gathered

454 Spirit of the living God

138 For the fruits of his creation

CG134 Touch the earth lightly SHS

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythms of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c

A reading from the second book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"? So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

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

Psalm 111

Response: The fear of the Lord, the fear of the Lord, is the beginning of wisdom.

Alleluia! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all who delight in them.

Response

His work is full of majesty and honour and his righteousness endures for ever.

He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Response

He gave food to those who feared him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He showed his people the power of his works in giving them the heritage of the nations.

Response

The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever; they are done in truth and equity.

Response

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever;

holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

a good understanding have those who live by it; his praise endures for ever.

Response

Luke 17.11-19

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to Samaritan, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

Post Communion Hymn: Touch the earth lightly

1. Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

2. We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet,
forestall and forgive.

3. Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

4. God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ re-connect us,
using us gently and making us one.

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Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may
always precede and follow us, and
make us continually to be given to
all good works; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alternative Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your
love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the
kingdom; by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you
give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good
things we enjoy; 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.

LEAVES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - At the Gathered Round service in September the congregation was invited to colour a leaf and write a message on the back explaining a situation where they felt guided or supported by the Holy Spirit. Everyone is welcome to pick up a sheet with leaves on it to colour in, write on and cut out, and return to the church office to be stuck on the picture on the notice board in the Narthex. The sheets can be found on the desk by the stairs to the office.

TOILET REFURBISHMENT – please note that if you are visiting the church between 13 and 17 October, the small toilet will be out of service, as it will be undergoing refurbishment.

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.

"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.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHEBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesdays – 12noon-2p.m. Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and on 14 October, from 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m., Community Connex – 1950s Memories.

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 and enjoy this chance to hear from Mark Lawson, who has travelled throughout the world tasting, buying and blending tea. Mark, from local company Two Spoons Tea Ltd, will relate 'The Story of Tea from Bush to Cup'. This lively and informative talk will include a tasting and plenty of opportunity to quench our thirst for tea knowledge! As usual we will sit down to eat our own packed lunches at 12.15p.m.-12.30p.m. with the talk starting at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers.