



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

**10 May, 2026 – 6th Sunday of Easter**

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m and **Thursday, 14 May, 10.30a.m.**

Gathered Round – 10a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, Tuesday, 9a.m.

Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.00a.m. service.

Please stay for a chat with other members of the congregation if you can.

*The Traidcraft stall will be in the North Transept after the 10am service.*

**Hymns for 10a.m.**

- 40 As we are gathered
- 500 There is a redeemer
- 4 A new commandment
- 352 Now let us from this table rise

**Collect**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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**

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Acts 17.22-31**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that

the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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

**Psalm 66 7-end**

**Response: O be joyful in God, all the earth, sing the glory of his name.**

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,  
Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip.

**Response**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

**Response**

**Response: O be joyful in God, all the earth, sing the glory of his name.**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows,  
which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will sacrifice oxen and goats. **Response**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.

I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me, **Response**

But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,

nor withheld his loving mercy from me. **Response**

### **John 14.15-21**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me,

but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**RIP ANN APPELBOOM.** Ann Appelboom's funeral will be on Thursday, May 28th. at 11 am. at St. Michael's. All are invited to attend.

**GIVING TO THE CHURCH** – If you are a tax payer and are considering putting cash in the offertory plate please consider using a Gift Aid envelope, available from one of the welcomers. We can claim an additional 25p for every pound donated in this way.

**A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 8 & 22 May – 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 may also be available for those who prefer to come empty handed.

**FAIRTRADE – Sunday, 10 May** – The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

**MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 16 May – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.** Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by an interactive session and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

**BUCKS ARTS WEEK – SIMPATICO – 5-20 June** – Monday-Friday 10a.m.-5p.m., Saturday 10a.m.-6p.m. & Sunday 12 noon-6p.m. Jenny Thompson, Liz Grammenos, Madeleine Fletcher & Barbara Spruytenburg, of Simpatico, invite you to come along and enjoy their joyous exhibition.

**POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 5 June** – This will not run in June as the Bucks Arts Week will be on. Please come and visit!

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 4 June – 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.

**VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY – Sunday, 7 June 2026** – to celebrate Revd. Debbie's 10th<sup>th</sup>-year of being here at St. Michael's and her 20th year of ordination. **Please let the office know if you will be attending.**

**FR. PETER'S 50th YEAR OF ORDINATION** – We will celebrate this on 28 June with special refreshments after the 10a.m. service. **Please let the office know if you will be attending.**

**REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 4 July – 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. The repair café is on the first Saturday of every second month.

**RED KITE CRAFT MARKET – Saturday, 4 July – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall.** Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

**NATIVITY PLAY OUTING** – This will take place on one of the following dates and times, as yet to be confirmed. There will also be a cost for transport. **Please let the office know if you are interested in attending together with your preferred date and time. We will then let you know which date and time has been chosen and request payment so we can book tickets and the coach:** 17 December at 11a.m. and 5p.m. – Adult £27, Child £15 and Family £75 *OR* 19/20 December at 1p.m. and 5p.m. – Adult £35, Child £18 and Family £98.

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

**STEPHEN WILCOX PLAYS ORGAN MUSIC by JS Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Pachelbel and others – Saturday, 9 May – 11a.m. (coffee served from 10:30) – St. Lawrence Church, Abbots Langley (near Watford).** Music inspired by chorale melodies from the Lutheran hymn tradition. Some well-know favourites and some pieces that are less familiar. Free admission, with a retiring collection in aid of the lych gate repair fund.

**LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 12 May – 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m.** – Introducing our new organ! *All Welcome.*

**TALK: FROM WYCLIF THROUGH TYNDALE AND BEYOND: THE REFORMATION IN AMERSHAM – St. Mary's Church, Old Amersham – 12 May – 7p.m.-9p.m. - £5 suggested donation.** In partnership with the [Tyndale Society](#) and [St. Mary's Church](#), we are marking Tyndale500, the 500th anniversary of the first New Testament in English.

Amersham was very hospitable to Lollardy, the heretical movement which flowed from the ideas of John Wyclif (d.1384). Lollards stressed the importance of the Bible in English, but copies were only available in manuscript and their ownership was forbidden. Despite persecution, Lollardy persisted in Amersham through to the early sixteenth century. In 1526 William Tyndale produced the first printed translation of the New Testament, which was also the first translation from the original Greek. It proved impossible to control its distribution, and it was to change English-speaking religion for ever.

For more details and tickets please see: <https://amershammuseum.org/event/from-wyclif-through-tyndale-and-beyond-the-reformation-in-amersham/>

**LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 15 May – 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church.** Peter Healy will be giving a talk on 'The life of Edward Watkin, a great Victorian.' Sir Edward Watkin was a British MP and railway entrepreneur who expanded the Metropolitan Railway into Buckinghamshire, establishing Amersham Station in 1892. He also tried to dig a Channel Tunnel and build a rival to the Eiffel Tower in Wembley. 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. *Members of St. Michael's very welcome.*

**AMCHOR Concert – Saturday, 16 May – 4.30pm – St Mary's Church, Old Amersham:** Handel: Dixit Dominus; Schubert: Mass in G; Mozart: Eine kleine Nachtmusik. Amersham & Chesham Bois Choral Society conducted by Nick Austin, with soloists and accompanied by EChor chamber orchestra; Ben Giddens on organ. Tickets £20, £10 students, under 16s free. Available on the door or from Perfect Pitch, Chesham; The Record Shop, Amersham; [www.wegotickets.com/amchor](http://www.wegotickets.com/amchor); box office 07748 154089