



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

23 August 2026 – 12th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sung Eucharist – Sunday 10.00a.m.

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

The 10a.m. service will be recorded and then be available after the service on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

Please stay for tea and coffee, which will be served in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

Hymns for 10a.m.

15 All my hope on God is founded
66 Bread is blessed and broken
133a Firmly I believe and truly
10 All for Jesus

Readers:

Roger Leslie
Claire O'Beirne

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 51.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

Psalm 138

Response: Great is the glory of the Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul.

Response

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

Response

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;

You will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving kindness,

O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

Response

Romans 12.1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Matthew 16.13-20

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE – 24-26 and 28 & 31 August.
During this time emails calls will be monitored, but it may take longer than usual for responses to be given.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 28 August & 11 September – 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.

AMERSHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION – 25 August, 11.30a.m.-6p.m. and 26-29 August, 10a.m.-6p.m.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 3 September-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.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 5 September – 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, 5 September – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts,

including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

FAIRTRADE – Sunday, 13 September– The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 19 September– 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.

POP IN AND PAINT – Friday, 2 October – 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 to watch the proceedings.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS OUTING – Snow White – Elgiva Theatre, Chesham – 12 December at 3p.m. For groups of 20+ with a 15% discount the prices would be: Full Price £23.17, 60+/Disabled/Student £22.32, U16 £19.77. If we don't reach this minimum number then 15% will be added to this price. We have accessible seats reserved until the end of September, so if you would like to attend please contact Rachel via the church office on office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk.

Activities and Events Beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHEBREAK – Tuesday, 25 August – 12 noon, including at 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – Great Sacred Music. All welcome.