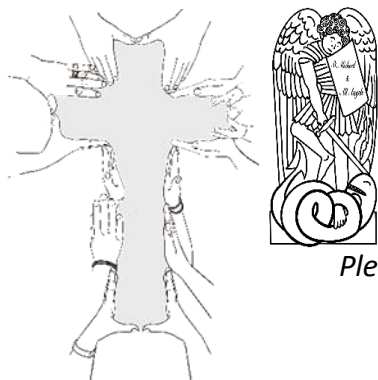




St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
11 October, 2026 – 19th Sunday after Trinity, Harvest Festival

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.
 Please see below for details of the foods the foodbank have specifically requested.*

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.

152 Gather around

19 All that I am

179 God, whose farm is all creation

137a For the beauty of the earth

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.**

Isaiah 25.1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Response

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Response

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Response

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Response

Matthew 22.1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.' This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL 2026 – The foodbank staff have asked for donations of **tinned ham, tinned minced beef, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, jam, tinned tomatoes and small jars of instant coffee**. Could you please bring donations to St. Michael's, so that they can be collected together and given to the Foodbank after our Harvest Service, which will take place on the second Sunday of October.



HARVEST APPEAL – This year's appeal is for Age UK Buckinghamshire. Please make any donations via the card machine in the Narthex or by using the QR code

To use a QR code open the camera on your phone and hover it over the QR code. A web link will appear on your phone screen. Click on the link and you will be taken to a page on which you can carry out your donation by following the instructions.

CAN YOU HELP? – JUST A FEW CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL HELPERS STILL NEEDED PLEASE! Huge thanks to all those who have already put their hands up. The following exciting opportunities are still on offer – first come, first served!

Monday, 23 November – 10a.m.-12 noon – setting up Christmas Trees in the Church

Saturday, 5 December – 1p.m.-3.30p.m. – helping during 'Carols, Coffee and Cake' event.

Monday, 4 January – 10a.m.-1p.m. – packing Christmas /Trees away

Please contact kiki@akipl.com if you would like to help.

You are invited to a special ALL SOULS SERVICE at St. Michael's on Sunday, 1st 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.

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM – we are seeking someone who would like to learn to run the sound system at St. Michael's as part of a team. Please let the church office know if you or someone you know could be interested in this role.

REVD. DEBBIE AND ROB WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU to stay after the 10am. Service on Sunday, 25 October for a glass or two of sparkly to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary!

FAIRTRADE – Sunday, 11 October– The stall will be in the North Transept after the 10a.m. service.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 17 October– 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.

COUNTRY MARKETS IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL – Saturday, 17 October – 10a.m.-1p.m. Start your Christmas shopping and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee at this new craft market.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 23 October – 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. *If you would like to make poppies for Remembrance Sunday, have wool that can be used for this purpose, or you need a pattern, please come along or contact the church office.*

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – 5 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, 6 November 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!

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 7 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. In addition to their usual wide range of repairs, they are now also offering technical advice: mobile phones, laptops and tablets. Bookable bike maintenance slots are also available; details on the noticeboard. No appointment required. Free refreshments. The repair café is held on the first Saturday of every second month.

RED KITE CRAFT MARKET – Saturday, 7 November – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall. Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and more.

ADVENT COURSE – This will start a week before Advent. Times and dates will be confirmed soon. If you would like to join the course, please contact the office and request a copy of *Walking with Angels*, by Eleanor Sanderson. A voluntary donation of £10 to cover the cost of the book would be welcome.

SNOW WHITE AT THE ELGIVA – 12 December – 3p.m. – Would you, your family and friends, like to join us for an outing to the panto this Christmas? If you are interested, please let the church office know as soon as possible. 23 people have already said they will be coming and so we are entitled to 15% discount. If you have replied to express your interest in attending you will be contacted shortly for payment. The prices below include the discount. If you can't drive, when contacting the office, please let us know that you will need transport.

Full Price £23.17

60+/Disabled/Student £22.32

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Activities and Events Beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Tuesday, 13 October – 12 noon, including at 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – a short talk, music or a Bite Sized Service. *All welcome.*

A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER AT AFC – the last week of November – spaces for 12 people are available. Registration forms will be available from next week and should be completed and sent to Alison in the Amersham Free Church office via: admin@amershamfreechurch.org.uk

For more details please see the article on the desk by the pigeon holes at St. Michael's. The Amersham Free Church are keen to welcome members of St. Michael's to join them for this.