

St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
15 November, 2026 – 2nd Sunday before Advent

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 10.00a.m. service is recorded then available on:
https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams

Hymns for 10a.m.
309 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
484a The King of love my shepherd is
310 Lord, for the years
288 King of glory, King of peace

Readers
Hazel Miller
Nichola O'Farrell

Collect	**Alternative Collect**
Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**	Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end
A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.
Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90.1-8 **Response: May the favour of the Lord, our God, be upon us.**
Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. **Response**

You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.'
For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night. **Response**

You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. **Response**

For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
You have set our misdeeds before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **Response**

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.
Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 25.14-30
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'
This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer
Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2026



Sunday, 13 December – Advent 3 – Eucharists at 8.30a.m. and 10a.m.
Nine Lessons and Carols – 5p.m.
Saturday, 19 December – Messy Church – 11.30a.m.-1p.m.
Sunday, 20 December – Advent 4 – Eucharists at 8.30a.m. and 10a.m.
Thursday 24 December – Christmas Eve – Family Crib Service – 4p.m.
Sung Christmas Mass – 8p.m.
Friday 25 December – Christmas Day – Said Eucharist at 8.30a.m.
Christmas Mass & Carols – 10a.m.

Please note that Coffee and mince pies will be served after the 10a.m. services on Sunday, 13 and 20 December.

CAN YOU HELP? Friday, 27 November - 10.30am. to 4.30pm. – LAUNCH OF THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Please email kiki@akipl.com if you are able to help serve coffee between approx.. 11a.m. and 12.45p.m. or 12.45p.m. and 2.30p.m. A fun and casual event, launching the Festival by inviting all members of the Community Groups who are sponsoring and decorating a Tree, to drop in any time to see the 35 Trees and enjoy tea/coffee and mince pies.

CAKES AND TRAYBAKES REQUESTED, PLEASE, for 'Carols, Coffee and Cake' on Saturday, 5 December. All contributions, homemade or bought, would be much appreciated. Please deliver to the Office by midday on Friday, 4 December or to the Church kitchen by 10a.m. on Saturday, 5 December.

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM – Do you know 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.

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES – From 31 October. Monday-Saturday from 10a.m.-4p.m., with the exception of Saturday, 21 November and 19 December, when they will open from 2pm, Monday, 14 December, when they will open at 2p.m. and Wednesday, 16 December, when they will open at 12 noon. Come in to browse and be inspired to purchase cards and other Christmas items, all while helping charities.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – Please note that A Crafty Cuppa is taking a break.

COUNTRY MARKETS IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL – Saturday, 14 November – 10a.m.-1p.m., and 12 December – 10a.m.-3p.m. Start your Christmas shopping and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee at this new craft market. You will find festive handmade crafts. unique handmade gifts and plants and seasonal greenery.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 21 November– 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.

ADVENT COURSE – 25 November, 2, 9 & 16 December at 7p.m. on Zoom. 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – 27 November – 24 December – in aid of the Wycombe Homeless Connection

AMERSHAM CHRISTMAS FAYRE – Saturday, 28 November – 10a.m. to 5.15p.m. As usual charity stalls will fill St. Michael's Church while the main street bustles with stalls and activities for all the family.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – Thursday, 3 December – 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, 4 December 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!

CHOIRS, COFFEE & CAKE – Saturday, 5 December – **10.00a.m.-3p.m.** Choirs will each be performing for 30 minutes in the Church. Free entry – just pop in for as long as you wish. This is a family friendly occasion with refreshments available throughout. Donations are requested for Wycombe Homeless Connection.

10.00 Heatherton Singers
10.45 Ukaholics Singalong
11.30 AmChor
12.15 My Town Choir
13.00 The Keelhaulers
13.45 Amersham Community Choir
14.30 Chiltern Handbells

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. Whilst we have already returned unwanted seats back to the Elgiva, it may still be possible to obtain seats for St. Michael's. Those who have already booked have now been sent an email requesting payment. If you can't drive, when contacting the office, please let us know that you will require transport.

Full Price £23.17
60+/Disabled/Student £22.32
U16 £19.77

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

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 9 January – 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 trialling a tech advice service to help people remove personal data from their old devices, particularly phones, so they can be reused or recycled.. Bookable bike maintenance slots are also available; details on the noticeboard. Our Wild Amersham project team are holding a houseplant swap at the cafe, too. No appointment required. Free refreshments. The repair café is held on the first Saturday of every second month.

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

Activities and Events Beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Tuesday, 17 November – 12 noon, including at 1.10p.m.-1.30p.m. – a short talk, music or a Bite Sized Service. *All welcome.*

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION'S BIG SLEEP OUT 2026 – Friday, 13 November – 6pm.-10pm. – The Walled Garden, West Wycombe – Build your shelter and sleep out under the cold November sky to raise money for people in a housing crisis. For more details see wyhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2026 or call 01494 447699.

VE/VJ DAYS – 80 YEARS ON – Saturday, 14 November – 2.30p.m. – St. Peter & St. Paul Church. HP16 0BA. A talk by Tony Birket, with Tea & Biscuits, Raffle & sale of Preserves. Raising money for vital church repairs. Tickets (£10) from Samways or at the door. *Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church.*

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.

WYCOMBE CHAMBER CHOIR, NOVA NOVA! – Sunday 6 December – 4p.m. – St. Mary and All Saints Church, Beaconsfield, HP9 2JW. A celebration in words and music for Advent and Christmas, with Director Tim Denvell and Organist John Wright. Tickets: £15 on the door (includes refreshments). All audience takings in support of the Wycombe Refugee Partnership.

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC – Saturday, 28 November – 7.30p.m. – Amersham Free Church. Great Missenden Choral Society will be joined by conductor Alex Flood, vocal soloists supported by the Josephine Baker Trust, and the Auren Ensemble, to perform music by Vaughan Williams, Britten and Gounod. Tickets £18 (students and children £10) available from www.gmcsonline.co.uk or Wye Country, 36B High Street, Great Missenden, or £20 on the door.