



01 May, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

Said Eucharists – Sunday 8.30am. and 10.00 am. Tuesday 10.30am.

The 10.00am. service will be recorded, and then be available on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-KJtHzLo0w2CM6ROl_50yg

A copy of Rev. Debbie's reflection has been sent with these notices.

Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.00am. service. Please stay for a chat with other members of the congregation if you can.

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 9.1–6, and 7-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 5.11-end

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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John 21.1–19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and

took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

NAPPY DAYS - North Transept – Wednesday, 04 May– 1.30pm.-3.00pm.

A church-sponsored drop-in group for parents with new babies, offering a cuppa and a chat with other parents.

BISHOP STEVEN'S VISIT TO AMERSHAM DEANERY – Thursday, 05 May

Our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Steven Croft, the Bishop of Oxford, will be making a visit to the Amersham Deanery, of which we are part, on Thursday, 5 May 2022. All members of St Michael's are invited to an evening event from 6:30pm. onwards at St. Mary's Church, Chesham. The closest car park is the Water Meadow Car Park, HP5 1LF. The event will include displays by the churches in the Deanery (including St. Michael's) with refreshments, followed by Celebration Evening Worship with a talk by Bishop Steven, and then a Q&A session with him. If you intend to go, it will be helpful if you could let the Church Office know - email: office@stmichaelsamersham.org. or phone: 726680.

OFFICE CLOSED – Friday, 06 – Tuesday, 10 May

The Office will be closed for three days, re-opening on Wednesday, 11 May. E-mail will be monitored during this time but phone messages may not be picked up every day.

"POP IN AND PAINT" - St. Michael's – Friday, 06 May – 10.30am. – 12.15pm.

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 to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too!

TRADCRAFT STALL –Sunday, 08 May, after the 10.00am. Gathered Round service

The monthly Traidcraft stall, situated in the South Transept near the exit door, offers a selection of products available on the day. Special orders should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office, to ensure availability.

CRAFTY CUPPA – North Transept – Friday, 13 May – 10.30am. – 11.30am.

A monthly drop-in session for everyone, especially those on their own. If you engage in a craft such as knitting or embroidery, bring it with you and enjoy some company while you work. Fancy just a cuppa, or would you enjoy an opportunity to chat? Then come along. You will be very welcome.

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF RICHARD BAER - Chesham and Ley Hill Golf Club, HP5 1UZ – Friday, 13 May - 12.30pm. – 3.00pm. -

All are welcome, and a buffet lunch will be served. This is not a formal event, so please dress comfortably. If you have any questions, please email davidbaer2@gmail.com or text 07980 176816.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – Sunday, 15 May 10.00am.

The APCM will take place in church, and will be followed by a short Holy Communion Service. Attendance at the APCM is limited to those on the electoral roll of the parish. The agenda and other papers relating to the meeting will be made available shortly to those on the roll. The meeting agenda will include elections for

vacancies on the PCC. For further details about this role and/or a nomination form, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The church is open for private prayer, from 10.00am. to 4.00pm. Mon.-Fri. The Lady Chapel has been set aside as a quiet space, and the votive candle stand moved into there.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 03 May- Midday to 2pm.

Tea, coffee and soup are available throughout. The church is open for quiet reflection and offers a varied programme of music, worship, meditation and speakers between 1.10pm. and 1.30pm. **This week:**

Challoner's High School in Recital

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION ANNUAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND CELEBRATION – Trinity United Reform Church, London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ and online – Thursday, 05 May - 7.15pm. for 7.45pm. start.

We would love you to join us as we reflect on the year gone by and give thanks for the blessings we have received. Everyone is welcome either to join us at the church, followed by refreshments, or through the live stream at <https://wyhoc.org.uk/annual-service-2022>.

COTHA FAMILY WALK AND PICNIC – Little Chalfont Nature Park, HP7 9QB – Sunday, 08 May – 12noon – 2.00pm

Bring your sandwiches and drinks, and we will bring treats! There will be games and quizzes, and a chance to look at what nature is doing at this lovely time of the year. Meet in the car park by the side of Little Chalfont Library, or in the park. More information from Hazel Richardson or Liz Waumsley of Amersham Free Church.

AMCHOR CONCERT - St Mary's Church, Old Amersham - Saturday 14 May - 7.30pm.

Rheinberger: *Stabat Mater*; Rossini: *Petite Messe solennelle* performed by Amersham and Chesham Bois Choral Society, with soloists: Soprano: Daisy Mitchell; Alto: Katey Rylands; Tenor: Ryan Davies; Bass: Johannes Moore. Conductor: Nick Austin. With Ben Giddens (Piano) and Simon Dinsdale (Harmonium)
Tickets: £16.00/£8.00 students, available from Perfect Pitch (Chesham), The Record Shop (Amersham), boxoffice@amchor.com or wegottickets.com/amchor

CREAM TEAS – St. Peter and St. Paul, Great Missenden – Sundays 3.00pm. – 5.00pm. commencing April 17

Enjoy a slice of homemade cake or a traditional cream tea. Music most weeks. Proceeds in support of the church.

FOODBANK UPDATE from Margaret Dykes

Apologies for the delay in providing this update. Part of my challenge is finding something new to say. The need remains great and growing; your continuing support is humbling and amazing and the economic challenges keep rolling down the track. We have achieved a milestone. In the 25 months since we began on this challenging pathway, people have donated collectively £ 50,000.00, which we have spent buying ethically-sourced and fairly-traded quality goods, requested by, and delivered to, the Food bank. The original challenge around the first covid lock down was superseded by the second and third, and then new cost of living challenges, driven by rising costs, inflation beating fuel price rises and the consequences of the terrible tragedy unfolding in Ukraine. Throughout all these challenges your generous support has been fundamental in enabling those in most need to be given a helping hand, and again demonstrating the value of our service, allowing the food bank to provide a balanced range of goods in support of their clients. Thank you so much.