

# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH COTHA UNITED AUDIO SERVICE

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Led by The COTHA Clergy

**Welcome and Introduction:** Rev Ian Green

**Call to worship:** Rev Debbie Oades

**This is the place  
and this is the time;  
here and now,  
God waits to break into our experience:  
to change our minds,  
to change our lives,  
to change our ways;  
To make us see the world  
and the whole of life  
in a new light:  
To fill us with hope,  
joy and expectation  
for the future.  
This is the place  
as are all places;  
this is the time  
as are all times.  
Here and now  
let us praise God.  
The Lord be with you**

**Hymn:** O Breath of Life *Sung by St Michael's*

**O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and pow'r;  
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.**

**O Breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in ev'ry part.**

**O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore, for this we plead.**

**Revive us, Lord; is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,  
equip your church to spread the light.**



**Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:** Rev Erna Stevenson

**Psalm 19:** Read by Rev Peter Binns

**The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.  
There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.  
Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.  
In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,  
which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.  
It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is hidden from its heat.**

**The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.  
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.  
The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.  
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever.**

**The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.  
They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.  
By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.  
Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless,  
innocent of great transgression.**

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord,  
my Rock and my Redeemer.**

**Hymn:** God whose farm *sung by St Michael's*

**God, whose farm is all creation,  
Take the gratitude we give.  
Take the finest of our harvest,  
Crops we grow that all may live.**

**Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,  
Hopes and fears of sun and rain,  
All our thinking, planning, waiting,  
Ripened in this fruit and grain.**

**All our labour, all our watching,  
All our calendar of care  
In these crops of your creation,  
Take, O God; they are our prayer.**

**Gospel:** Read by Rev Debbie Oades  
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

**Prayer before the Sermon**

Minister: Let the words of my mouth

**All: And the meditations of all our hearts**

Minister: Be acceptable in your sight

**All: O Lord, our rock, and our redeemer. Amen**

**Sermon:** Contested Space: Rev Ian Green

**Reflective Music:** The Lord's My Shepherd, Stuart Townsend,  
*sung by Matthew Green and Sara Autton*

**Intercessions:** Rev Nigel Wright

**Hymn:** Lord for the *sung by the AFC Virtual Choir*

**Lord, for the years**

**Your love has kept and guided,**

**Urged and inspired us,**

**Cheered us on our way,**

**Sought us and saved us,**

**Pardoned and provided:**

**Lord of the years,**

**We bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word,**

**The word of life which fires us,**

**Speaks to our hearts**

**And sets our souls ablaze,**

**Teaches and trains,**

**Rebukes us and inspires us:**

**Lord of the word,**

**Receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land**

**In this our generation,**

**Spirits oppressed by**

**Pleasure, wealth and care:**

**For young and old,**

**For commonwealth and nation,**

**Lord of our land,**

**Be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, of our world**

**When we disown and doubt you,**

**Loveless in strength,**

**And comfortless in pain,**

**Hungry and helpless,**

**Lost indeed without you;**

**Lord of the world,**

**We pray that Christ may reign.**



*'Wheat and Weeds' seen  
walking from Sarratt to  
Chenies last weekend!*

**Lord, of ourselves,  
In living power remake us  
Self on the cross  
And Christ upon the throne,  
Past put behind us,  
For the future take us;  
Lord of our lives,  
To live for Christ alone.**

**Blessing:** Rev Debbie Oades

Closing Music: Instrumental on the hymn tune 'Diademata' *Matthew Green*

Participating Clergy:

**ST MICHAEL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

The Revd Debbie Oades

The Revd Peter Binns

**ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH**

The Revd Nigel Wright

**AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH (Baptist/URC)**

The Revd Ian Green

The Revd Erna Stevenson

