



16 January, 2022 – Epiphany 2

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

Copies of Rev. Debbie's sermon

and the intercessions have been sent with these notices.

Collect

Alternative Collect

Almighty God, In Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 62.1–5 *read by Maureen Meeks*

The Lord says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. For the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 12.1–11 *read by Roland Gillott*

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

John 2.1–11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know

where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECYCLING CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Anglican church of St. Thomas a Becket in Hamburg has indicated that they would once again be pleased to receive cards for recycling, but as last year, we need to find a way of collecting these, which minimises any risk of infection, and unnecessary physical contact.

We will publish further details of when and how this will be done later in the month.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS IN CHURCH

In line with the latest regulations, it is now compulsory to wear a facemask in a place of worship, unless exempt. Given the high numbers of people testing positive for coronavirus, including two members of the congregation after attending a service over the Christmas period, for the time being, those planning to attend church services are being asked to take a lateral flow test before coming.

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.

NAPPY DAYS – North Transept – Wednesday, 19 January– 1.30pm.-3.00pm.

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

"POP IN AND PAINT" - St. Michael's – Friday, 28 January – 10.30am. – 12.15pm.

Join Jenny Thompson and Liz Grammenos from Simpatico as classes restart. 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!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB- Wheeler Room- Friday, 04 February- 2.00pm. – 4.00pm.

The Personal History of David Copperfield. This film brings to life One of Dickens most cherished characters. Incredibly funny. Stars Hugh Laurie. Running Time –115mins. All welcome. Refreshments served after the showing.

CRAFTY CUPPA – North Transept – Friday, 11 February – 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.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL – Sunday, 13 February– after the 10.00am. 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.

TRAIDCRAFT UPDATE FOR JANUARY from Margaret and Bill Dykes

MORE THAN FAIR TRADE Traidcraft aim to make capitalism fairer; they recognise the huge injustices in trade, the environment and society. They are not in business to make people rich and businesses richer -they want those throughout their supply chains to get the money they need, not just to live, but to thrive. Shopping with Traidcraft ensures that the interests of farmers, artisans and workers are just as important as other commercial considerations. It also represents a solution to poverty and a model for

development. Supporting companies, who encourage and embrace equality, regardless of gender, religion, opportunity, background, heritage, experience or inheritance is a step towards a better world. **CLIMATE CHANGE** Traidcraft make no secret of the fact that they are increasingly concerned and worried about the killer effects climate change is having on their partners. As a business, they promise that the environment's needs are at the heart of every decision made. From how the orders are packed for delivery, to the materials they use in the product packaging and the ingredients used within the product range, everything is carefully considered.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCH BREAK - Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 18 January- Midday to 2pm.

AFC's Lunch Break programme has restarted. 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 Girls in Concert**

COTHA UNITED SERVICE – St. John's Methodist Church - Sunday 23rd January – 10.30am.

A joint non-eucharistic service, led by the clergy of St. Michael's, St. John's and Amersham Free Church. There will be no 10.00am. service at St. Michael's that day.

LOCAL STORIES AT THE AMERSHAM MUSEUM

The Museum runs a monthly reminiscence group, where participants share stories and memories from the past. The sessions cost £3.00/person, last for about an hour and include tea, coffee and biscuits. Everyone welcome. No need to book. Sessions are on Mondays at 10.00am, with the next one on 07 February.

There are also monthly singing sessions on a Tuesday from 10.00am. to 11.30am.. These are free. Everyone welcome. No need to book. The next of these is on 08 February.

For further details, contact the Museum Tel: 723700. E-mail: info@amershammuseum.org