



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England

16 March, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Lent.

Said Eucharists – Sunday, 8.30a.m., and Tuesday, 10.30a.m.

Sung Eucharist – Sunday, 10a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel – Tuesday, 9.00a.m.

The 10a.m. service will be streamed live, and then be available on St. Michael's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@stmichaelandallangels/streams>

<p>Hymns 349 New every morning is the love 487 The Lord is my song 28 Among us and before us 56 Be thou my vision</p>	<p>Readers Hazel and Roland</p>
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Collect

Alternative Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27

Response: The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

Response

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

Response

Response: The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek his will in his temple. **Response**

For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock. **Response**

And now shall he lift up my head above my enemies round about me;
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; I will sing and make music to the
Lord. **Response**

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me.
My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. **Response**

Hide not your face from me, nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
You have been my helper; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. **Response**

Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of those who lie in wait for me.
Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and those
who breathe out violence. **Response**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord. **Response**

Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 13.31-end

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

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem."

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MARCH Activities and Events at St. Michael's



Easter Services 2025

St Michael & All Angels Church - Church of England, Inclusive Church

Ash Wednesday - 5 March, 10.30am & 7pm

Palm Sunday - 13 April, 8.30am & 10am

Maundy Thursday - 17 April, 8pm

(Includes washing of feet)

Good Friday - 18 April, 10am

& St Michael's Square at 11.30am

Holy Saturday - 19 April, Service of Light, 8pm

Easter Day - 20 April, 8.30am & 10am



All Welcome 🍆

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THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 17-21 MARCH

RIP DAVID REDPATH David's funeral will take place at St. Michael's on Wednesday, 26 March at 2p.m. Following the service all are invited to join David's family at in the north transept for refreshments.

******2025 ELECTORAL ROLL REVIEW******

The big 6 yearly review of the Roll is happening! Everyone currently on the Roll must reapply in order to be included! Emails with links to the new form have been sent out to everyone on the current Roll, and forms have been sent to those not on e-mail and are available to those who would prefer to apply offline. If you are having difficulty filling in the form please do get in touch. **NOT ON THE ROLL BUT WOULD LIKE TO ENROL?** Please speak to myself or Rachel via the Church Office (email: office@stmichaelsamersham.org.uk or Tel: [01494 726680](tel:01494726680)) with your contact details, and we will get a form to you.

Chris Leslie
Electoral Roll Officer

2025 LENT APPEAL – This year the St Michael's Lent Appeal is, once again, the **Friends of St. Anne's Hospital, Liuli, Tanzania**. More can be found about them on the charity's website <https://friends-of-st-annes.com/>. For reasons given in our March Newsletter, this will be the last time that this charity will be our chosen charity. Please give generously either through the card reader in the Narthex (to which gift aid is added), by cash or by cheque made out to "Friends of St. Anne's Hospital", placed in the envelopes in the Narthex with gift aid forms."

LENT COURSE – Wednesday, 12, 19 & 26 March – 7p.m. – On Zoom

This year Lent will run from Ash Wednesday on March 5th. to Good Friday on April 18th. We are proposing to study another book by Paula Gooder, *Women of Holy Week*. As with the book, which we studied in Advent, there are nine stories in a similar format. Everyone enjoyed the Advent course, which produced some good discussion, so it seems appropriate to look at Paula Gooder's other book. All the books have now been collected, and zoom links for the sessions have been sent out.

A CRAFTY CUPPA – 14 & 28 March – 10.30a.m.-12noon. A Crafty Cuppa is a drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. Please 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. We look forward to seeing you.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 15 March – 11.30a.m.-1p.m. Join us with your children/grandchildren for fun activities, followed by a story or discussion, and a light lunch. The session is free. Donations are welcome.

NEW CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR AMERSHAM – 1st Thursday of the month from Thursday, 3 April – 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. Sharing experiences can be such a positive support in our cancer journeys.

“POP IN AND PAINT” – Friday, 4 April – 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 watch the proceedings!

WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB– Friday, 4 April – 2p.m.-4p.m – THE MIRACLE CLUB Starring Maggie Smith and Kathy Bates. Winning a pilgrimage to Lourdes seems like an answer to all prayers. However deep wounds from the past are re-opened and bitter truths exposed. Running Time 1hr. 26mins.

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 1 May – 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. No appointment required. Free refreshments.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesdays, 18 & 25 March – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available. The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. there will be a talk or recital.

AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH MONTHLY LUNCH GROUP – Friday, 21 March – starts 12.15p.m.

Our next meeting in the Alfred Ellis Hall at Amersham Free Church will be on Friday 21st March when the talk is entitled 'High Wycombe Unmasked' by Willie Reid, AFC member, who also leads walks around High Wycombe. Come and see images of the original railway station and trains, learn how a US air base in the town proved pivotal in winning the Second World War and hear about the mediaeval Hospital of St John the Baptist and the beginnings of the welfare state. As usual we will sit down to eat our own food at 12.15p.m.-12.30p.m. with the meeting starting at 1.00p.m. Suggested donation £3-£5. All are very welcome.

'History tells you where you are going and why.

History makes you smart, heritage makes you proud.'

William Callaway, historian, US 8th Air Force