



18 July, 2021

7th Sunday after Trinity

Services this week

Said Eucharist: Sunday 8.30am. and Tuesday 10.30am.

Sunday 10.30am. COTHA United Service at Amersham Free Church

A printed order of service for this week can be found on the church website, <https://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/worship/church-at-home/>.

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Generous God you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 23.1–6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

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

Psalm 23

Response: the Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Response

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Response

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Response

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Response

Mark 6.30–34, 53–56

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he

was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

NAPPY DAYS – North Transept coffee area – Wednesdays, starting 21 July – 1.30pm.-3.00pm.

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

MUSIC IN CHURCH – Sunday, 25 July – 10.00am,

The Choir will be singing at the 10.00am. Eucharist, the last Sunday before their traditional August break. This will be a special 'end of term' occasion, so please come along to support them. Further details about the music will be in next week's notices.

COMMUNITY POST-LOCKDOWN SERVICE – St. Michael's Square – Saturday, 31 July – 11.00am.

A service of lament, thanksgiving and restoration. A service for the community with an emphasis on love and working together. The plan is to hold most of the service outside, but if wet, it will all have to be in the church. Additional sidespeople will be needed to welcome passers-by and/or to guide people through the stages of the service. If you might be able to help in this way, please let the clergy or office know.

RESUMPTION OF ALL REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

All services are being held in the main church, rather than the Lady Chapel, for the time being to allow for social distancing. Covid-19 precautions apply at all services. There is no collection and the administration of communion is in one kind only, the bread; the member of the clergy presiding drinks the wine on behalf of all those attending. Notifications about each week's arrangements are being sent out to those who have expressed an interest in returning to 'in-person' worship. If your name is not already on this mailing list, and you would like to be added to it, please contact the Church Office. A written order of service, including a sermon, continues to be available on the website, <https://www.stmichaelsamersham.org.uk/worship/church-at-home/> for those who are not able to attend church in person.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER – Tuesdays

The church is open for private prayer, until 4.00pm. on Tuesdays, after the 10.30am. Eucharist.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

COTHA UNITED SERVICE Amersham Free Church – This Sunday – 10.30am.

Due to ongoing social distancing regulations, seating capacity will be less than usual, so anyone wishing to attend this service is asked to contact Janet Reid, the AFC Church Secretary (janet Reid1@btinternet.com) Communion will not be administered from the altar. Instead there will be a small cup and small plate with bread, on the back of the chair in front of where people are sitting. This is the 'safe' system AFC have been using throughout the pandemic.

SYCAMORE ROAD PARTIALLY CLOSED THIS SUNDAY

(If you are thinking of parking in St Michael's car park on Sunday (18 July), you will need to approach St Michael's from the Rickmansworth Road/Woodside Road direction, as there will be a Sunday Market in Sycamore Road, and so the road will be partially closed. Access to St Michael's car park will be as it is on Tuesdays.

PLASTIC FREE DAY – St. Michael's Square – Tuesday, 27 July – 9.00am. – 2.30pm.

Sustainable Amersham are inviting everyone to try and go plastic free for one day. By making small changes in our daily habits, everyone can reduce their personal plastic footprint . They have some top tips to help you on your way; where to refill your water bottle for free, learn how to recycle better and make some simple plastic free sustainable swaps around the home. They will be supported by Buckinghamshire Council recycling experts, Refill app, Little Walkers Refill Café and a local soaps company. You can also buy a re-usable coffee cup at a discounted price for your morning coffee and say good-bye to the disposable cup forever.

COMMUNITY WORKER FOR CHURCH TO COMMUNITY (C2C) PROJECT AT CHESHAM METHODIST CHURCH

A Community Worker to work during term time is needed for the C2C Project at Chesham Methodist Church, 18hrs/wk during Buckinghamshire schools term time. The job is to reach out to the community with the love of Jesus Christ by facilitating a range of projects to meet the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of older and vulnerable people. The role includes facilitating activities to support older people and others, including those living with dementia. Candidates should have experience of organising activities and/or events and of working with older people. A requirement for the candidate to be a practicing Christian is an Occupational Requirement for this role in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. For an application pack please email Lu Gigg on amcircuitmethodist@gmail.com The deadline for applications is Monday 2 August 2021.

TRAIDCRAFT NEWS from Bill and Margaret Dykes

Margaret and Bill visited the Foodbank last week for a meeting with their contacts to better understand the challenges they have been facing and how they see the way ahead. Their two-page report on what they learned there is attached to these notices.