



26 June, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

COTHA United Service – Sunday 10.30am.

*The 10.30am. service will be live-streamed, and then available on St. Michael's YouTube Channel. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-KJtHzLo0w2CM6RQI\\_50yg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-KJtHzLo0w2CM6RQI_50yg)*

*Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.30am. service. Please stay for a chat with other members of the congregation if you can.*

### Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### Alternative Collect

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### 1 Kings 19.15,16, 19- 21

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Go back again; for what have I done to you?' He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

### Psalm 16 (8.30 am. only)

**Response: In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.**

Preserve me, O Lord, for in you have I taken refuge; I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my good depends on you.' All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble in heart.

**Response**

Though the idols are legion that many run after, their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

**Response**

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

**Response**

I will bless the Lord, who has given me counsel, and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me; he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

**Response**

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death, nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

**Response**

You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Response**

### **Galatians 5.1, 13–25**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

### **Luke 9.51–62**

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

**Sermon – Rev. Ian Green (Amersham Free Church)**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's***

**COTHA UNITED SERVICE – St. Michael's – Today, Sunday, 26 June – 10.30am.**

St. Michael's will be hosting this service, at which we will welcome friends from Amersham Free Church.

**BUCKS ART WEEKS – until June 26<sup>th</sup>. Weekdays, 9.30am. – 5.30pm. Sundays, 12noon – 6.00pm.**

The Simpatico group of artists, (Jenny Thompson, Liz Grammenos, Candida Hackney and Beverley Parkin) will once again be exhibiting at St. Michael's. A percentage of all sales is split between St. Michael's and their chosen charity, Lindengate, a local charity based in Wendover, which offers specialised gardening activities to help those with mental health needs in their continuing recovery.

**NAPPY DAYS - North Transept – Wednesday, 29 June– 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” – Friday, 01 July – 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!

**REPAIR CAFÉ – St. Michael’s, North Transept - Saturday, 02 July –10.00am. – 1.00pm.**

Sustainable Amersham will be running the first of what it is hoped will be bi-monthly sessions for the repair of small electrical items and textiles. Refreshments will be served.

**CRAFTY CUPPA – North Transept – Friday, 08 July – 10.30am. – 11.30am.**

A twice 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 an opportunity to chat? Then come along. You will be very welcome.

By popular demand, Crafty Cuppa is now taking place twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month.

**TRAIDCRAFT STALL –Sunday, 10 July, after the 10.00am. Gathered Round service**

The monthly Traidcraft stall has returned to its former place in the North Transept. A selection of products is available on the day. Special orders should be given to Sue Eames, or left in the Office, to ensure availability.

**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, 28 June- 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: History of the Church in 100 objects**

**FREE EXHIBITION AT JORDANS QUAKER MEETING HOUSE – until Sunday, 17 July - Mondays - Saturdays 10.00am. - 4.00pm. Sundays- 1.00pm. to 4.00pm.**

*“Loving Earth Project: Caring for the world we love”: A Textile Panel Art Exhibition*

We all respond to the challenge of climate change in our own way. This exhibition is a set of textile panels lovingly made by people of all ages to express their personal responses. Each of them thought of something they loved – a place, or a person, a thing – and how climate change and environmental breakdown could affect it. Many also thought about what could be done to make positive change, and what they could do to help. About 70 of these panels will be on display in the Meeting House for four weeks, and everyone will be most welcome to come and visit. There will be postcards, on which you can make your own response in words or simple drawings, if you wish, and three workshops during which you can work alongside others to plan a panel of your own, with some expert support. *There are no entry fees and no booking is required for the exhibition. To book for one of the free workshops, please contact: [office@jordansquakercentre.org](mailto:office@jordansquakercentre.org) or 01494 876594.*

**CONCERT FOR PEACE – The Hub, Chalfont St. Peter – Saturday, 02 July - 7.30pm.#**

In support of Tearfund for Ukraine. Featuring Gospel choir, Brentwood Collective, and the local Churches Together Choir. Free admission, with retiring collection in aid of [tearfund.org](http://tearfund.org). The music is joyful, light gospel, with some secular songs interspersed. Refreshments at half time. Sign up at [www.goldhill.org/concert](http://www.goldhill.org/concert) would be helpful (for catering).

**BEYOND DIFFERENCE – Various locations in July**

Have you ever wondered what happens in another place of worship? Throughout July, guests will be given the opportunity to observe a religious service, and then socialise and ask questions, and so deepen understanding of each other’s faiths.

Christian (regular RC mass)– St. Aidan’s Roman Catholic Church, Little Chalfont. Sunday, 03 July. Arrive at 10.45am.

Muslim (regular Mosque prayer) – Chesham Mosque, Bellingdon Road, Chesham. Sunday, 10 July. Arrive at 1.45pm.

Jewish (regular Sabbath service) – South Bucks Jewish Community, Amersham. Saturday, 16 July. Arrive at 10.45am.

For more information, or to register for any of these events, please email [info@beyonddifference.org](mailto:info@beyonddifference.org)

**MESSAGE FROM BUCKS CC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM REGARDING COVID BOOSTERS**

If you are housebound and you need your 4<sup>th</sup> COVID vaccine (sometimes called the Spring Booster), you can now have this dose at home. The Patient Advice Liaison Service (PALS) can book your appointment and let the vaccination team at Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust know when to visit you. (If you are a carer, friend, or family member of someone housebound, please share this information with them.)

Contact PALS: phone: 0800 328 5640 or email: [buckscggs@nhs.net](mailto:buckscggs@nhs.net)

PALS will ensure you have all the information you need and answer any questions or concerns.

More information can be found here: <https://www.buckinghamshireccg.nhs.uk/public/your-services/feeling-unwell/covid-19-vaccination-programme/local-covid-19-vaccination-updates/>