



27 June, 2021

4th Sunday after Trinity

Services this week

Said Eucharist: Sunday 8.30am. and 10.00am. Tuesday 10.30am.

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

A copy of Fr. Peter's reflection and the intercessions have been provided with this notice sheet as well as being on the website.

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Wisdom of Solomon 1.13–15; 2.23–24

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal. For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

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

Psalm 30.

1. I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up and have not let my foes triumph over me.
2. O Lord my God, I cried out to you and you have healed me.
3. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life from among those that go down to the Pit.
4. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name.
5. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
6. In my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved. You, O Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.'
7. Then you hid your face from me and I was utterly dismayed.
8. To you, O Lord, I cried, to the Lord I made my supplication.
9. 'What profit is there in my blood if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?'
10. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.'
11. You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;
12. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

2 Corinthians 8.7–15

You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something – now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, ‘The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.’

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

Mark 5.21–43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.’ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ And his disciples said to him, ‘You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?”’ He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?’ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, ‘Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha cum,’ which means, ‘Little girl, get up!’ And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

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.

RIP JOHN BEARDSMORE

John died on June 10th after a long illness. We offer our sympathy to Angelika and the rest of the family. His funeral will be held at Amersham Free Church on Thursday, 01 July at 2.00pm. followed by a private cremation. Numbers at the church will be limited owing to restrictions, so anyone wishing to attend must contact Angelika (Tel. 433262) to check if there is space available.

RIP FAY GREEN

Following a long period of ill-health, Fay died on June 16th. We offer our sympathy to Norman and his family. The funeral will take place on Friday, July 9th and will be live-streamed. Further details to follow. The hearse will pause in front of St. Michael's on the way to the crematorium around 11.45am., when Fr. Peter Binns will say a prayer. Friends are welcome to come to pay their respects at that time.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – Sunday, 11 July - 10.00am.

The APCM will take place on Sunday, 11th July at 10am. in church, followed by a short Holy Communion Service. Attendance at the APCM is limited to those on the electoral roll of the parish. This is currently open for revision but will close on Friday, 26th June. The agenda and other papers relating to the meeting will be made available to those on the roll two weeks before the meeting. The meeting agenda will include elections for vacancies on the PCC and for a three year term of office on Deanery Synod. For further details about these roles and/or a nomination form, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

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 – Sunday, 18 July – 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 Reid@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.