



St. Michael & All Angels – Church of England
7 July, 2024 – 6th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sung Eucharist (COTHA) – Sunday, 10.30a.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>

A warm welcome to The Rev. Ian Green, the Minister of the Amersham Free Church AFC, who will join Fr. Peter in taking the Eucharist at 10.30a.m., and to those joining us from the AFC congregation.

Tea and coffee will be served after the 10.30a.m. service. Please stay and chat with others if you can.

Hymns for 10a.m.

CG4 All are welcome – In the notices.

244 In Christ there is no east or west

73 Brother, sister, let me serve you

296 Let all the world in every corner sing

Collect

Alternative Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn: All are welcome

- 1) Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Chorus: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

- 2) Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Chorus

- 3) Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space:
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Chorus

- 4) Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Chorus

5) Let us build a house where we all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Chorus

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Ezekiel 2.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking. He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, "Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them."

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

Psalm 123

Response: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes, to you that are enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

Response

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant,
and of the contempt of the proud.

Response

2 Corinthians 12.2-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth.

But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

Mark 6.1-13

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

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there,

except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you

and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Forthcoming Activities and Events at St. Michael's

UNITED SERVICE WITH AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH AT ST. MICHAEL'S – Sunday, 7 July 2024 – 10:30a.m.

There will be a United Service with Amersham Free Church (AFC) at St. Michael's on Sunday, 7 July 2024 at 10:30a.m. Please note the change of time compared to our normal Sunday morning worship. The service will be led by Fr. Peter Binns and The Rev. Ian Green, the Minister of AFC. We look forward to welcoming members of AFC to St. Michael's, and there will be tea and coffee afterwards. Amersham Free Church and St. Michael's together constitute Churches on the Hill, Amersham (COTHA).

CRAFTY CUPPA – Friday, 12 & 28 July – 10.30a.m.-12noon. 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.

FAIR TRADE STALL – Sunday, 14 July – After the 10a.m. Eucharist. The stall regularly offers a range of groceries and seasonal items, with other lines on request. Please come to the stall and support Fair Trade.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, 20 July – 11.30a.m.-1p.m. This is a fun, informal activity for all the family, combining creative activities and biblical teaching, followed by lunch. All welcome. No need to book. Just turn up.

"POP IN AND PAINT" – Friday, 2 August – 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 to come along for a chat and to watch the proceedings, that's fine too!

REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 7 September – 10.a.m.-1p.m. Come along to SustainableAmersham.org's pop-up Repair Café. where volunteer repairers will help you fix your stuff for free. No appointment required. Free refreshments are available.

Activities and Events beyond St. Michael's

LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church – Tuesday, 9 July – 12noon-2p.m. - Tea, coffee and soup are available.

The church is open for quiet reflection, and from 1.10p.m-1.30p.m. a bite sized service.