



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 2nd November 2025 All Souls' Day

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Heather McIntyre

Organist: Hilary Davan Wetton

All who love and follow our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion.

If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine please let them pass by without embarrassment.

If you are able please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk ()*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn:** God of life *Tune: Hyfrydol R&S 663*

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

**1 God of life, we come in worship,
lost in wonder, filled with awe.**

**At your feet we kneel in homage,
here to marvel and adore.**

**Words cannot express your greatness,
awesome is your majesty:**

**higher than the highest mountain,
deeper than the deepest sea.**

**2 God of love, we come rejoicing,
here to celebrate your grace.**

**Consecrate this sacred moment,
help us meet you face to face.**

**In the love of Christ enfold us,
by his touch make us anew:**

**Cleanse, renew, restore, refashion
all we are and all we do.**

**3 God of light, we come in gladness,
souls on fire and hearts ablaze,
reaching out in adoration,
singing hymns and songs of praise.**

Make a
Joyful noise
Unto The
Lord!

**Take the hope that flames within us,
take the joy that burns so bright;
may our lives reflect your glory,
finding favour in your sight.**

Nick Fawcett CCL257120

Opening Responses

Minister: We have come together to worship God.

All: We gather in his name to sing his praise.

Minister: We come as pilgrims on a journey.

All: As Seekers after Truth travelling hopefully.

Minister: We meet in the name of Jesus who said: .

**All: The Son of Man has come
to seek and to save.**

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Prayers of Praise and Confession, Lord's Prayer

Notices followed by ***Hymn 590:** In heavenly love abiding

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Psalm 119.137-144 OT p.518

Luke 19.1-10 NT p.70

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Zacchaeus – Read Two Ways?

sermon notes are available at the back of the church and on the website followed by Silent Reflection

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 336: Abide with me

During which we will light a candle, as we name before God those who have died, yet remain held in both our love and God's.

Responsive Reading

from a poem chosen by Queen Elizabeth II for the funeral of her mother

You can shed tears that they are gone
or you can smile because they lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that they'll come back
or you can open your eyes and see all they've left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember them and only that they've gone
or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
**or you can do what they'd want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.**

THE COMMUNION

***Hymn 217:** When I survey

***The Peace** *all standing*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Minister: We say for one another:

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore.**

***The Offertory Procession**

Minister: We give thanks to God and sing:

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

***Prayer of Dedication followed by Invitation to Communion**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Therefore with all your people
in heaven and on earth we sing
the resounding hymn of your glory:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the bread and wine

Post Communion Prayer

**O God, we give you grateful thanks
for all that lies within this sacred meal.**

**May we carry into the world
the bread that brings life
and the wine of compassion
for all who wait in longing.**

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

***Hymn 658: For all the saints**

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen** *All Standing*

Join us for Morning Tea and Coffee,
served in the Church Hall

