



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 26th October 2025

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and Sara Autton

Organist: George Wood

*We have a Loop System – to access please set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.
If you are able please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (*)*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

* **Hymn:** Creating God, we bring our songs of praise *Tune R&S 740 Woodlands*
During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

**1. Creating God, we bring our songs of praise
for life and work that celebrate your praise;
The skill of hands, our living with the earth;
The joy that comes from knowing our own worth.**

**2. Forgiving God, we bring our cries of pain
for all that shames us in our search for gain;
The hidden wounds, the angry scars of strife,
the emptiness that saps and weakens life.**

**3. Redeeming God, we bring our trust in you,
our fragile hope that all may be made new:
Our dreams of truth, of wealth that all may share,
Of work and service rooted deep in prayer.**

**4. Renewing God, we offer what will be
a world that lives and works in harmony;
When peace and justice, once so long denied,
restore to all their dignity and pride.**

Jan Berry, Born 1953 CCL 257120

Opening Responses:

Leader: Come, whether in sorrow or in joy,

All: We come to worship God.

Leader: Come, whether limping or running,

All: We come to follow Christ.

Leader: Come, for you are all welcome in this place

All: We come and the Spirit makes us one.

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Opening Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn:** God, present in your written word *Tune: St Columba R&S 448*

**1. God, present in your written word,
be present now, we pray,
be welcomed, honoured, given room
to say what you would say.**

**2. And should our readings be well-known,
words often heard before,
surprise, intrigue with further gifts,
bring challenge to our door.**

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Readings: Psalm 84:1-8 p.496 OT

Luke 18:9-14 p.69 NT *This morning's reader is Andrew Merrifield*

Reader: In this is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

***Hymn:** Command thy blessings from above *Tune: Eisenach R&S 259*

Sermon

Followed by silent reflection

OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn 353:** There's a wideness in God's mercy

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession *with sung Responses from R&S 401*

***Presentation of the Offering**

Each week we make our gifts in a variety of ways, by placing cash or envelopes in the baskets as we enter or exit church or through direct bank giving. All these offerings are dedicated now as we sing:

**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.**

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

***Hymn:** Christian people, sing together *Tune: Ode to Joy*

- 1. Christian people, sing together,
all united in one voice.
Though we come from many cultures,
yet in Christ we all rejoice.
In our daily lives we're scattered,
service God in various ways,
Then in worship we're united,
giving him our thanks and praise.**
- 2. God created countless faces,
yet in Christ we all are one;
Though we look from many angles,
all our views reflect the Son.
So we bring each gift and talent,
off'ring what we have to share;**

**and God blends us all together
in one body of his care.**

- 3. Teach us, Lord, to trust each other
though our ways are not the same.
As you call us to your purpose,
bless our working in your name.
In the world of daily living
each uniquely serves your will,
Show how every person matters,
as our calling we fulfil.**

Words: Marjorie Dobson Born 1940. CCL257120

Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen

Morning Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service