



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 25th October 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and Janet Reid

Organist: Pre-recorded Ian Green

*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 34:** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

During which the bible is placed on the Communion Table

Opening Responses:

Minister: O God, who created the Universe
and brought light out of darkness,

**All: with awe and wonder
we come into the mystery of your presence.**

Minister: O God, who in Jesus lived among us
And embraced the bitter cross,

**All: with longing and hope
we come into the mystery of your presence.**

Minister: O God, who through your Spirit
brings guidance, comfort and healing,

**All: with open hearts and minds
we come into the mystery of your presence
to be nourished and to be blessed.**

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Opening Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices

***Hymn 90:** O Lord, all the world belongs to you

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 OT p.97

Matthew 22:34-46 NT p.21

This morning's reader is Helen Law

Reader: In this is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

***Hymn:** The Word of God is like a lamp *Tune: St Columba 448 R&S*

**1. The word of God is like a lamp
which scatters light around,
revealing truth, rekindling youth,
defining holy ground.**

**2. The word of God is like a sword
which pierces to the core,
disabling lies, dispelling sighs,
to bless and never bore.**

**3. The word of God is like a chest
which brims with precious gold,
enriching all who heeds God's call
with wisdom, new and old.**

**4. So let us praise our gracious God
who gave the world this word;
and let our mind be sealed and signed
by Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

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Sermon

Followed by silent reflection

OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn** Help us live the love of Jesus *Tune: Blaenwern R&S 95*

**1. Help us live the love of Jesus;
build by love community.
Teach us to be truly loving,
sharing, caring, setting free.
Let our love be rich in patience,
showing kindness come what may,
never petty, never jealous,
never puffed up, Christ, we pray.**

**2. From all shamefulness protect us;
through your love, help us stay true.
Let each not seek our advantage,
but let love guide all we do;
love, despite all provocation,
curb our anger, keep us calm;
stop us noting hurts and wounding;
stop us listing others' wrong.**

**3. Share your love, which joys in goodness,
longs for truth and justice too!
So, let love persist forever;
persevering, pulling through.
Let our love keep faith whatever
tests us, tries us on life's way.
May love give us hope and patience;
keep us close to you each day.**

**4. Only this is love eternal,
love that's practical and real,
building, bearing, caring, sharing,**

wounded, yet with pow'r to heal.
Through this love let loose among us,
down-to-earth, yet still divine,
may we build both church and kingdom,
faith and hope and love refine.

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***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 579:** Lord, thy Church on earth is seeking

Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen

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

