



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 9th August 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green & The Revd Heather McIntyre

Organist: Stephen Wilcox

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN:** From near and far *Tune R & S 661 Coe Fen*

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

**I From near and far, from East and West,
we gather in this place
to celebrate the one true Lord
of every tongue and race.
With open minds and willing hearts,
we come prepared to share,
rejoicing in the fellowship
of laughter, song and prayer.**

**2 Entrusted with community
through which the church can speak,
we tell the world of Christ, whose reign
empowers the poor and weak.
The church on earth, divided, flawed,
is yet a living sign
of how the broken, touched by grace,
discloses the divine.**

**3 Prepared to listen and forgive,
together we will grow
in unity that comes of God
from whom all blessings flow.**

**When we must leave this fellowship
and go forth in his name,
we pray that Christ will send us out
with hearts of love aflame.**

Jean Holloway CCL 257120

Opening Responses

Minister: Holy God, you have called us together from our
different lives to confess,
All: You are our God and we are your people.
Minister: You are Mystery and wonder and all goodness,
All: You are our God and we are your people.
Minister: You are healer and liberator and all justice,
**All: You are our God and we are your people
and we come to worship you in faith and hope.**
Minister: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and confession

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymn book

Welcome and Notices

Mission Focus: Wycombe Refugee Partnership



***Hymn 558:** Will you come and follow me

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Introduction to the Theme: Can we smile at the storm?

Readings: I Kings 19.9-12 OT p.300
Matthew 14.22-33 NT p.13
This morning's reader is Janet Gray
Reader: In this is the Word of The Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

***Hymn 492:** Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Prayer before the Sermon

Minister: For the Word of God is scripture
All: **For the Word of God among us**
Minister: For the Word of God within us
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen**

Sermon: Will you anchor hold?

Followed by silent reflection, sermon notes are available in the entrance pillar envelopes



OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn 598:** Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?

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

**I 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 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.**

**3 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.**

John Campbell CCL 257/20

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

Morning Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the service - all welcome!