



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Morning Service

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Erna Stevenson

Organist: Edward Cross

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

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

**\*Hymn:** Bring to the Lord a glad new song *Tune: Jerusalem*

*During which the bible is placed in the pulpit*

**I Bring to the Lord a glad new song,  
children of grace extol your king:  
your love and praise to God belong-  
to instruments of music, sing!  
Let those be warned who spurn God's name,  
let rulers all obey God's word:  
for justice shall bring tyrants shame-  
let every creature praise the Lord!**

**2 Sing praise within these hallowed walls,  
worship beneath the dome of heaven;  
by cymbals' sound and trumpets' calls  
let praises fit for God be given:  
with strings and brass and wind rejoice then,  
join our song in full accord  
all living things with breath and voice;  
let every creature praise the Lord!**

*Michael Perry based on Psalms 149 and 150 CCL257120*

## Opening Responses

**Minister:** We come together to worship God.

**All:** **To offer our prayers and praises.**

**Minister:** We gather seeking truth

**All:** **and longing for light.**

Minister: Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart,  
**All: and put your hope in the Lord.**  
Minister: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you**

## **Prayers of Adoration and confession**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Welcome and Notices**

**Hymn:** Lord, the light of Your love is shining

**1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of darkness shining  
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me**

### ***Refrain***

***Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Fathers glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word  
Lord, and let there be light***

**2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me**

### ***Refrain***

**3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory**

**Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me, shine on me  
Refrain**

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**Mission Focus:** WorkAid *with Peter Wilkinson*

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

**Readings:** Psalm 25.1-10 O.T. p.464  
Luke 10.25-37 N.T. p.60  
*This morning's reader is David Eldridge*

**\*Hymn 365:** Rock of ages

**Sermon:** The Wrong Hero  
*Followed by Silent Reflection*

## OUR RESPONSE

**\*Hymn 107:** The love of God comes close

### 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:** Let love be real *Tune R&S 265 Londonderry Air*

**I. Let love be real, in giving and receiving,  
Without the need to manage and to own;  
A haven free from posing and pretending,  
Where every weakness may be safely known.  
Give me your hand, along the desert pathway,**

**Give me your love wherever we may go.  
As God loves us, so let us love each other;  
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.**

**2. Let love be real, not grasping or confining,  
That strange embrace that holds yet sets us free;  
That helps us face the risk of truly living,  
And makes us brave to be what we might be.  
Give me your strength when all my words are weakness;  
Give me your love in spite of all you know.  
As God loves us, so let us love each other;  
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.**

**3. Let love be real, with no manipulation,  
No secret wish to harness or control;  
Let us accept each other's incompleteness,  
And share the joy of learning to be whole.  
Give me your hope through dreams and disappointments  
Give me your trust when all my failings show.  
As God loves us, so let us love each other;  
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.**

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**\*Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

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

