



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 19th July 2026

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Erna Stevenson

Organist: Dominic Detre Pre-Recorded

All who love and follow our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion.
Please stand, if you are able, for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (*)

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

*** Hymn 102:** Praise the Lord, his glories show

During which the bible is taken to the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: Together we gather,
All: Seeking God, we meet around word and sacrament.
Minister: We come with praise
All: And offer to God our prayers.
Minister: Clap your hands, all you people,
All: and praise God with shouts of joy.
Minister: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer followed by Welcome and Notices

The Baptism of Ava Sally Elizabeth Reid



Question to the Congregation

Do you as members of Christ's body, trusting in God's grace, promise to pray for Ava and all children in our church that they may grow up in the knowledge and love of Christ?

We do.

Congregational Blessing said together for Ava

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

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

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Romans 8.1-11 N.T.p.137
Matthew 13.24-30 N.T. p.12
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God** *This morning's reader is Janet Reid*

Sermon: The Spirit of Resurrection

followed by silent reflection. Sermon notes are available in the pillar pockets at the Sanctuary entrance

Hymn 552: The King of love

Prayers of Intercession

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 and 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,

**Sung: 13 in God of power and might,
hymn book 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 and Sharing of the bread and wine

Post Communion Prayer

**All: Thank you, gracious God,
that we have been guests at your table.
As we have been fed by your gifts of life,
so we will share with the world
all that you give to us in love. Amen**

*** Hymn 603:** Lord, for the years

*** Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

Morning Coffee is served in the church hall after the service