



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 26th April 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and The Revd Ian Green

Organist: Dominic Detre

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn:** Living God, your word has called us *Tune Abbot's Leigh R&S 530*

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

**1 Living God, your word has called us,
summoned us to live by grace,
make us one in hope and vision,
as we gather in this place.
Take our searching, take our praising,
take the silence of our prayer,
offered up in joyful worship,
springing from the love we share.**

**2 Living God, your love has called us
in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body,
by your Spirit making one.
Working, laughing, learning, growing,
old and young and black and white,
gifts and skills together sharing,
in your service all unite.**

**3 Living God, your hope has called
us to the world that you have made,
teaching us to live for others,
humble, joyful, unafraid.**

**Give us eyes to see your presence,
joy in laughter, hope in pain.
In our loving, in our living,
give us strength that Christ may reign.** *Jan Berry CCL257120*

Opening Responses *from Psalm 95*

Minister: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

All: let us shout to the Rock of our salvation.

Minister: Come before God with thanksgiving;

All: singing joyful songs of praise.

Minister: The Lord be with you,

All: and also with you.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

* **Hymn:** Lord, we bring to you our children

Tune: Love Divine (John Stainer) R&S 663 2nd Tune

**1 Lord, we bring to you our children
on this festive, holy day.**

**Grant to them your benediction;
grant to us your help, we pray.**

**2 Now may we in honest worship,
in this glad and sacred hour,
give ourselves in true commitment
to your service and your power;**

**3 To the task of Christian nurture:
teaching, training, leading still
in the way of Christ-like living
till life's purpose we fulfill.**

**4 Bless the children! Bless the parents!
May they grow in Christ our Lord:
joined in faith and loving service,
in his Spirit and his word.**

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The Baptism of Molly and Freya Hickey

Including this Question to the Congregation

Do you as members of Christ's body, trusting in God's grace, promise to pray for Freya and Molly 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 Molly and Freya

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 523:** Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

Prayer of Blessing *as children are invited to leave for Junior Church*

Readings:

Psalm 121 p.519 OT *from the NRSV of the Bible.*

John 10:1-11 p.88 NT.

This morning's reader is Andrew Merrifield

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

***Hymn 474:** Brother, sister, let me serve you

Sermon

OUR RESPONSE

Silent reflection

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 663:** Love divine, all loves excelling *Tune Blaenwern R&S 95*

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

Morning Tea and Coffee is served in the church hall after the service

