

AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 8th February 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Rev Erna Stevenson

Organist: Richard Brazier

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn 74: Praise to the Lord**

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: We gather as the people of God
in the presence of our loving Father

**All: We gather as fellow pilgrims
in the presence of the Living Christ**

Minister: We gather as seekers after truth
in the presence of God the Spirit

All: Who enlightens and comforts us.

Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: the Lord is the stronghold of my life.

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

***HYMN: All my days**

**I All my days I will sing this song of gladness
Give my praise to the Fountain of Delights
For in my helplessness You heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer
I will sing of the blood that never fails
Of sins forgiven of conscience cleansed
Of death defeated and life without end.**

Chorus:

**Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness
You're the Risen One, heaven's champion
And You reign, You reign over all**

**3. I long to be where the praises is never-ending
learn to dwell where the glory never fades.
Where countless worshippers will share one song
And cries of "worthy" will honour the Lamb**

Chorus

Stuart Townend CCL257120

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: *Isaiah 58.3-8 O.T.p.618*

Matthew 5.13-16 N.T.p.3

This morning's reader is David Eldridge

Reader: *In this is the word of the Lord*

All: **Thanks be to God**

*** Hymn: Christ is our light** *Tune: Highland Cathedral*

**1. Christ is our light! The bright and morning star
covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
into our hearts, into our world today.**

**2. Christ is our love! Baptised that we may know
the love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.**

**3. Christ is our joy! Transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
as your disciples did in Galilee.**

Leith Fisher CCL257120

Sermon: Add a Pinch of Salt *followed by Silent Reflection*
Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website

OUR RESPONSE

*** Hymn:** Called by the love of Christ *Tune R&S 201 Kingsfold*

**Called by the love of Christ to be
life's flavour hid from sight;
yet challenged by that self-same love
to shine like beacons bright,
Lord, when our neighbours' lives are grim,
decaying, dark as night,
empower us, in the name of love
to live as salt and light!**

**Called by the love of Christ to bear
his Kingdom-bringing fruit;
yet only when we're grafted firm
to his life-giving root,
Lord, when, exhausted, each becomes
a withered, dying shoot,
re-graft, restore us by your love
to grow and bear your fruit!**

**Called by the love of Christ to hold
God's treasure, rich and rare;
yet in ourselves but rough clay pots,
just common kitchenware,
Lord, show your love by using us
as vessels of your care,
that cracked and chipped and used and worn
we'll prove that you are there!**

**Called by the love of Christ to be
one body with one will;
yet each of worth, ourselves, distinct -
unique in gift and skill -
Lord, may our differences supply
the vigour of the whole;
in diverse ways all work one work,
together reach your goal.**

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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 530: Living God, your joyful Spirit**

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

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