



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 28th December 2025

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and The Revd Ian Green

Organist: Edward Cross

*We have a Loop System – to access please set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.
Please stand, if you are able, for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (*)*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

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

During which the bible is taken to the pulpit

Opening Responses: *from Psalm 145*

Minister:	My tongue will declare the praises of the Lord
All:	Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise
Minister:	One generation will commend your works to the next.
All:	They will tell the story of your greatness And sing with joy of your righteousness
Minister:	For you Lord, are gracious and compassionate
All:	And all people will bless your name forever
Minister:	The Lord be with you
All:	And also with you

Opening Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer *back cover of hymn book*

Welcome and Notices

Hymn 144: It came upon the midnight clear

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9 OT p.623
Matthew 2:13-23 NT p. 2
This morning's reader is Bob Bradnock
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

***Hymn 169:** Unto us a boy is born

Sermon: The Cost of Good News *followed by silent reflection*

OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn:** God, how can we comprehend Tune: Aberystwyth R&S 332

**1. God, how can we comprehend
though we've seen them times before
Lines of people without end
fleeing from some senseless war?
They seek safety anywhere,
hoping for a welcome hand!
Can we know the pain they bear?
Can we ever understand?**

**2. You put music in their souls;
now they struggle to survive.
You gave each one gifts and goals;
now they flee to stay alive.
God of outcasts, may we see
how you value everyone,
For each homeless refugee
is your daughter or your son.**

**3. Lord, your loving knows no bounds;
you have conquered death for all.
May we hear beyond our towns
to our distant neighbors' call.
Spirit, may our love increase;
may we reach to all your earth,
Till each person lives in peace;
till your world sees each one's worth.**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette CCL 257120

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)

We remain standing to sing

*** Hymn: 549:** One more step along the world I go

Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen *All Standing*

Join us for Morning Tea and Coffee at the back of the church

