



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 2nd August 2026

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd George Watt with The Revd Erna Stevenson

Organist: Richard Brazier

*Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are invited to receive communion.
If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please let them pass by without embarrassment.
If you are able, please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (*)*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

*** Hymn 292:** When morning gilds the skies

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

Call to Worship

Opening Responses

Minister Following God isn't always easy,
 we carry our scars and our hurts.
 Let us persevere clinging onto his promises for us.

Minister The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

followed by **Welcome and Notices**

*** Hymn 489:** Be thou my vision

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Genesis 32.22-31 O.T. p.27

Psalm 17:1-7,15 O.T. p.459

This morning's reader is Susie Hart

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: I will not let you go

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

***Hymn:** Night was falling on the trickster *Tune R&S 344 Rhuddlan*

Night was falling on the trickster (Genesis 28)
as to exile Jacob fled;
lost, alone, in deep'ning darkness –
just a stone to rest his head.
Lord of kindness, light in darkness,
rescue us from all we dread.

Dreams of angels on a stairway –
heaven's gate flung open wide;
God himself, with powerful promise
brought the help he'd felt denied.
Lord of kindness, light in darkness,
stay forever at our side.

Night was falling as he journeyed, (Genesis 32)
ready to be reconciled;
but another, not his brother,
sought a struggle, dark and wild.
Lord of blessing wrest from darkness,
strive with each to be your child.

Sweat and struggle last 'til daybreak;
trickster Jacob now has won.
God himself attacked and proved him;
blessed him as a chosen son.
Lord of blessing wrest from darkness,
strive with us; your will is done.

Night is falling all around us (Our current situation)
shadows shroud what once was clear.
Time for dreams or frantic wrestling?
Now's the time we need You here.
Lord of kindness, Lord of challenge,
light our darkness, cure our fear.

God, who knows our inmost being,
feels our needs and how we'll grow,
grant new hope through dreams and visions,
wrestle us, new life to show.
Lord of kindness, Lord of challenge,
help us every way you know.

Prayers of Intercession

THE COMMUNION

***Hymn:** Lord when your kingdom comes remember me

Tune R&S 336 Eventide (Abide with me)

**Lord when your kingdom comes remember me
Not like the dying thief upon the tree
But as a living struggler with your will
Who in the midst of doubt believed you still**

**Lord when your kingdom comes remember me
Perceive behind the front which others see
Each of my soul's dark nights the trust betrayed
And all for which I wrestled fought and prayed**

**Lord when your kingdom comes remember me
Puzzled by what I am and am to be
Hindered by fears too great and faith too small
Yet fascinated by you through it all**

**Lord when your kingdom comes remember me
Anger and passion joy and jealousy
I would not have you love what I am not
Since in your net all that I am is caught**

**If as you said your kingdom now is here
Though its complete design remains unclear
Let this one life discover its true place
As more of me is transformed by your grace**

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***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,
God of power and might,
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.**

*Sung: 13 in
hymn book*

Words of Institution and Sharing of the bread and wine

Post Communion Prayer

**Your death O Lord we commemorate
Your resurrection we confess
Your final coming we await.
Christ has died
Christ has risen
Christ will come again. Hallelujah! Amen**

***Hymn 511: O love that wilt not let me go**

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen** *All Standing*

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service.