



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 16th November 2025

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Erna Stevenson

Organist: Edward Cross

If you are able please stand 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 placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: In your image we are made, Creator God;

**All: male and female, young and old
we are your creation.**

Minister: You lived our life, Jesus Christ;

**All: we find you there in truth and grace
within ourselves.**

Minister: You lead us on, Holy Spirit,

**All: in golden threads of life, in pain and joy.
Thanks be to God!**

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Prayers of Praise and Confession, Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices

***Hymn:** When I needed a neighbour

**I When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour were you there?**

Chorus

And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, Were you there?

**2 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there? Chorus**

**3 I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there? Chorus**

**4 When I needed a shelter were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there? Chorus**

**5 When I needed a healer were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer were you there? Chorus**

**6 Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there,
Wherever you travel I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: I Thessalonians 3.6-13 N.T p. 184
Luke 21.5-19 NT p.72
This morning's reader is Helen Law
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Buildings Speak

Sermon notes are available at the back of the church and on the website followed by Silent Reflection

*** Hymn: O God, you search me and you know me**

**I O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.**

**2 You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.**

**3 Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.**

**You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.**

**4 Although your Spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.**

**5 For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new**

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Prayers of Intercession *using the response*

Minister: Lord in your goodness

All: Hear our prayer

THE COMMUNION

***Hymn 456:** O bread to pilgrims given



***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 followed by 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: I3 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

Sharing of the bread and wine

Post Communion Prayer

**O God, we give you grateful thanks
for all that lies within this sacred meal.
May our lives show the signs
that love is possible,
grace is believable
and compassion can be our way of life.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

***Hymn 117: O Lord my God**

Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen *All Standing*

Join us for Morning Tea and Coffee, served in the Church Hall