



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 14th July 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Diana Glover and The Revd Heather McIntyre

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 38:** Thou whose Almighty Word

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: We have come together to worship God,

All: we gather to offer our praises and prayers.

Minister: We have come to listen out for God's Word,

**All: spoken to us in bible and sermon,
in silence and in fellowship.**

Minister: This is the day that the Lord has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and confession

The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices

Responsive Psalm 100

we say together the words in bold type

Minister: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Minister: Know that the Lord is God.

**All: It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

All: give thanks to him and praise his name.

Minister: For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever;
**his faithfulness continues through all generations.
Glory be to you, our God,
Creator, Saviour and Spirit. Amen**

Hymn: Called by Jesus *Tune: Sing Hosann R&S 523*

**1. Called by Jesus to live as one body
in a unity all can share,
but to glory in ev'ryone's difference;
treat each other with respect and care!
Each one giving, each receiving,
build one body with the love of God;
each one list'ning, each one learning,
body-building for our God!**

**2. Called by Jesus to value each other,
showing honour to each and all,
but with extra respect where it's needed
to affirm the ones who feel too small.
Mutual caring, mutual sharing,
growing daily in the love of God;
mutual list'ning, mutual learning
body-building for our God!**

**3. Called by Jesus to work as one body,
using gifts that the Spirit gives,
as we build up Christ's body together,
winning others to the One who lives!
Each possessing Spirit blessing,
helping others find the love of God;
each one list'ning, each one learning
body-building for our God!**

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Amos 7.7-15 O.T. p.767
Mark 6.14-29 N.T. p.34
This morning's reader is Olga Palmer

***Hymn 365:** Rock of ages

Sermon:

Followed by Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn 558:** Will you come and follow me

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: Let love be real *Tune R&S 265 Londonderry Air*

**Let love be real, in giving and receiving,
Without the need to manage and to own;
A haven free from posing and pretending,
Where every weakness may be safely known.
Give me your hand, along the desert pathway,
Give me your love wherever we may go.
As God loves us, so let us love each other;
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.**

**Let love be real, not grasping or confining,
That strange embrace that holds yet sets us free;**

**That helps us face the risk of truly living,
And makes us brave to be what we might be.
Give me your strength when all my words are weakness;
Give me your love in spite of all you know.
As God loves us, so let us love each other;
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.**

**Let love be real, with no manipulation,
No secret wish to harness or control;
Let us accept each other's incompleteness,
And share the joy of learning to be whole.
Give me your hope through dreams and disappointments
Give me your trust when all my failings show.
As God loves us, so let us love each other;
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.**

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***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

Morning Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the service - all welcome!

