



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 12th July 2026

Morning Service

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and The Revd Ian Green

Organist: Stephen Wilcox

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn:** Praise with joy the world's Creator *Tune: R & S 104 Praise, my soul*
During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

- 1. Praise with joy the world's Creator.**
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory –
power to rescue and release.
- 2. Praise the Son, who feeds the hungry,**
clothes the naked, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless of both fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence –
friend and stranger; guest and host.
- 3. Praise the Spirit sent among us**
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender;
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure –
foolishness none dare deride.
- 4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,**
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody

**oneness in diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe when
shown Christ's vibrant unity.**

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Opening Responses *Based on Psalm 65*

Minister: It is fitting to praise you, O God

All: for you are the hearer of our prayers.

Minister: Happy are those you bring into your courts

All: and grant them the abundance of your house.

Minister: You care for the earth and make it fruitful,

**All: you crown the year with your good gifts
and we put our trust in you.**

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and confession

The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices

***Hymn 378:** Awake my soul and with the sun

Mission Offering Presentation: Rennie Grove Peac Hospice Care



WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-13 p. 616 OT
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 p.11 NT
This morning's reader is Valerie Edis

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

***Hymn 321:** Your words to me are life and health *Tune R7S 71: Salzburg*

Sermon

Followed by Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn:** Once a farmer went out sowing *Tune: 'All through the night' Ar Hyd Y Nos*

**1. "Once a farmer went out sowing,"
Jesus began.**

**"Soon the tender plants were growing
There on his land.
Every day he laboured, tending,
Weeding, working, hope unbending.
So his care was never-ending
For what he'd planned."**

**2. God of love, when he was sleeping,
His harvest grew.
Even with his faithful keeping,
Life came from you.
You awakened seeds he'd sown there;
You gave strength to what was grown there.
He was never all alone there;
He looked to you.**

**3. Long ago our church was planted
Here in this place.
Those who loved you worked and tended
In your embrace.
Here they built a place of worship,**

**Laboured well in faith and friendship,
Preached and served in times of hardship,
All by your grace.**

**4. In our joyful celebration,
God, this is true:
You sustain this congregation;
Life comes from you.
In the times we pray and gather,
When we risk for things that matter,
As we love and serve our neighbour,
We trust in you.**

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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 415: You shall go out with joy (x2)

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

Morning Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the service, followed by The July Church Meeting

