

AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 12th April 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

Led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Ern Stevenson

Organist: Stephen Wilcox

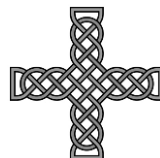
If you are able please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk ()*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn:** In the garden Mary lingers *Tune: Angel Voices R & S 405*

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

**1 In the garden Mary lingers,
broken and forlorn,
then an unexpected greeting
names her in the dawn:
so she meets her risen Saviour
on the resurrection morn.**



**2 Evening journey: two disciples,
grieving for the dead,
find a stranger walks beside them,
cheers their hearts instead-
finally they recognise him
as he breaks and shares the bread.**

**3 Ten distraught, confused apostles
hide away in fear;
rumours that the grave is empty
they are shocked to hear-
yet when Jesus stands among them
dread and sorrow disappear.**

**4 Fishermen who toiled for nothing
on the lake all night
hear the sound of Jesus' welcome
in the morning light:
in the friendship shared at breakfast
old mistakes are lost to sight.**

**5 Every day a fresh beginning-
newness, come what may!
In the most unlikely places
Jesus reigns today;
from the past to new horizons
Christ our Saviour leads the way.**

Martin E Leckebusch CCL 257120

Opening Responses

Minister: We have come together to worship God.

All: We gather in his name to sing his praise.

Minister: We come as pilgrims on a journey.

All: As Seekers after Truth travelling hopefully.

Minister: As they were talking

All: Jesus came and stood among them.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and confession

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymn book

Welcome and Notices

Mission Focus: The Chiltern Food Bank



* **Hymn 243:** Now the green blade rises

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Psalm 16 O.T. p459
John 20.19-31 N.T. p99

This morning's reader is David Watson

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

***Hymn 250:** The strife is o'er

Sermon: The Untidiness of Asking Questions *followed by Silent Reflection*

Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn 260: Christ is alive

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Minister: God of all compassion

All: **Hear our prayer**

***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:** We have a dream *Tune: Woodlands R&S 740*

**I. We have a dream: this nation will arise,
and truly live according to its creed,
that all are equal in their maker's eyes,
and none shall suffer through another's greed.**

**2. We have a dream that one day we shall see
a world of justice, truth and equity,
where sons of slaves and daughters of the free
will share the banquet of community.**

**3. We have a dream of deserts brought to flow'r
once made infertile by oppression's heat,
when love and truth shall end oppressive pow'r,
and streams of righteousness and justice meet.**

**4. We have a dream: our children shall be free
from judgements based on colour or on race;
free to become whatever they may be,
of their own choosing in the light of grace.**

**5. We have a dream that truth will overcome
the fear and anger of our present day;
that black and white will share a common home,
and hand in hand will walk the pilgrim way.**

**6. We have a dream: each valley will be raised,
and ev'ry mountain, ev'ry hill brought down;
then shall creation echo perfect praise,
and share God's glory under freedom's crown!** *Michael Forster CCL257120*

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

Morning Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after Morning Service