



**St. Andrew's Church
Wraysbury**

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NOTICES FOR 10th MARCH 2024

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MOTHERING SUNDAY

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-end; Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 127:1-4; John 19:25b-27.

St. Michael's Horton
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

St. Andrew's Wraysbury
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

17th MARCH 2024
5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; Psalm 51:1-13 or 119:9-16; John 12:20-33.

St. Michael's Horton
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

St. Andrew's Wraysbury
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion,
followed by PCC

WHAT'S ON

Sat. 9th

St. Andrew's Church & Annexe Cleaning 10.00 a.m.

Mon. 11th

Community Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m. Champney Hall

Tues. 12th

Midweek Communion 11.00 a.m. St. Michael's

St. Andrew's Café 2.00 p.m. St. Andrew's Annexe

Wed. 13th

Little Lambs Mums & Toddlers 10.00 a.m. St. Andrew's Annexe

Bell Ringers 7.30 p.m. St. Andrew's

Thurs. 14th

Lent Course 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Annexe

LENT COURSE

We are running a course called "3 2 1" on the Thursdays during Lent in St. Andrew's Annexe. Each weekly session starts at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m., starting with refreshments and lasts for about one hour. The course covers basic Christian beliefs from a contemporary angle. It is suitable for both mature and new Christians who are interested in the Christian faith.

Everyone welcome: please come and join us.

YOU WILL GET THROUGH THIS

'To every thing there is a season... A time to weep, and a time to laugh' Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4 (KJV)

Sorrow comes to us in many forms. You can lose your job, or your home, or your health. But nothing hurts more than when you lose someone you love dearly. Waves of grief will come at you like the ocean throwing its waves up onto the beach. Whatever you do, don't drown. Don't stop there and allow yourself to be pulled under by the current. Allow yourself to feel the grief without tying it around your neck. Allow the weight of it to help you work through your thoughts, fears, and, if necessary, your tears. Grieving relieves the soul, like exhaling carbon dioxide relieves your body. But there comes a point at which you must get up and go on. The stages of grief you go through are shock, then denial, then bargaining, then sorrow, and finally acceptance. David said, ***'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff [of protection] they comfort me'*** (Psalm 23:4 KJV). When you get through this valley, you will be able to look back with more gratitude and less grief. Instead of focusing on what you have lost, you will be thankful for what you have left. And don't be afraid to indulge in those rare moments of laughter that come even in the face of heartbreak. Laughter medicates the soul and alleviates the tension of those times; it requires us to step outside our present pain and adjust our focus. This in itself is a healing balm. ***'A merry heart doeth good like a medicine'*** (Proverbs 17:22 KJV).

Pray that in every loss, God will give us strength to restart our lives with joy and praise for the past.

Source: UCB Word for Today written by Bob & Debby Gass. Free copies of Word for Today available from church or United Christian Broadcasters, Westport Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 4JF, tel. 01782 363000.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Greg Scott, Beryl Walters, Judy Osborne, Olga Cheeseman, Anne Munday, Bea Tucker, Sue Wynne-Davies, Pam Thomas.

St. John's Mission Gwelutshena, Zimbabwe.

Open Doors, the international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide.

Operation Restoration working with street children in Bolivia.

Canaan Ministries and Bookshop in Staines.

All celebrating the anniversary of a baptism or marriage or remembering the loss of a loved one in March:

- 1st Sienna Newton-Booth (Baptism 2020) St. Andrew's
- 3rd Jennie Francis (Deceased 2022)
- 4th Honour Rose Tanner (Baptism 2018) St. Michael's
- 8th Jayne Evans (Deceased 2019)
- 11th Alexander Fraser (Deceased 2020)
- 11th Barry (Joe) Young (Deceased 2023)
- 11th Hazel Leishman (Deceased 2021)
- 15th John Henry Orchard (Baptism 2020) St. Andrew's
- 15th James Dean Orchard (Baptism 2020) St. Andrew's
- 18th Alan Powel (Deceased 2019)
- 22nd Daphne Richardson (Deceased 2022)
- 23rd Eileen Lee & Brandon Smith (Married 2022)
- 24th Bella Sines (Baptism 2019)
- 24th Sylvana Sines (Baptism 2019)

Slough Homeless Our Concern (SHOC)

St. Andrew's are supporting SHOC and they need non-perishable food which can be brought to church on Sundays, Tuesday afternoons when the café is open, or left in the church porch.

The only clothing they are requesting is men's socks and underwear.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Tony Hermes, Churchwarden

**A Prayer for use in intercessions at each service and home groups
during the vacancy**

Dear Lord, waiting for a vicar is a time of change. We thank You for Your faithfulness to us; we know You have plans for us and Your plans are always good. Guard and grow our church as we serve You together.

Lord, fill us with vision, energy, prayer and worship as we grow in faith, share responsibilities, love one another, care for the needy, reach out to others and welcome new people.

May we bring new life to our village and, with courage, face our future and embrace the unknown.

Guide those seeking the right person for us, and the person seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we discover Your way to grow Your kingdom.

May the one we receive display obedience to our Saviour and be a wise shepherd, ready to serve with joy, to build our faith.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

St. Andrew's Church, Wraysbury
The Annexe



This room, attached to the Church, is for hire.

**Suitable for: Children's Parties,
Anniversary Celebrations,
Club Events, Society Meetings
Business Meetings etc.**

**It is a good size, usable for events with up to 40
attendees.**

Tables and chairs are available.

**There is a well-equipped kitchen for preparing
or serving food.**

Disabled/baby change toilet available.

**Small lawn area outside for use during good
weather.**

Large Car Park.

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**LITTLE LAMBS
MUMS & TODDLERS
GROUP**



**Meets every Wednesday
(during term time)**

10.00 – 11.45 a.m.

**In St. Andrew's Church
Annexe**

Everyone welcome

£2.00 per family

SAFEGUARDING

St. Andrew's and St. Michael's Churches are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children, young people and vulnerable adults who fall within our care. A copy of our Safeguarding Policy may be viewed on our webpage. If you have any concerns at all about the welfare of children or vulnerable adults you can contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Heather Hermes on 01784 391417 email: hermeshev57@gmail.com. Alternatively you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, 01865 208295 email: safeguardingreferrals@oxford.anglican.org or the Local Authority Social Services team on 01628 683150.