



**St. Andrew's Church
Wraysbury**

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Christians Serving Horton and Wraysbury Together

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NOTICES FOR 24th MARCH 2024

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PALM SUNDAY

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Psalm 31:9-18; Mark 15:1-39.

St. Michael's Horton

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

St. Andrew's Wraysbury

11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

31st MARCH 2024
EASTER DAY

Readings: Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24; John 20:1-18.

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WHAT'S ON

Mon. 25th

Community Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m. Champney Hall

Tues. 26th

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

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

Wed. 27th

NO Little Lambs Mums & Toddlers – Easter holiday

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

Thurs. 28th – Maundy Thursday

Joint Parish Communion & Foot Washing 7.30 p.m. St. Michael's (readings: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Psalm 116:10-end; John 13:1-17, 31b-35)

Fri. 29th – Good Friday

Good Friday Service 11.00 a.m. St. Andrew's

At the Foot of the Cross Reflections 2.00 p.m. St. Michael's

Sat. 30th – Easter Saturday

Decorating the church for Easter 10.00 a.m. St. Andrew's

See St. Thomas' invitation opposite

INVITATION FROM
ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK
FOR EASTER SATURDAY

The congregation at St. Thomas's warmly invite people from Horton and Wraysbury to join them on Easter Saturday

Morning

At 11.00 a.m. St. Thomas' have a service for the Eastern European Community, where their baskets of food are blessed. Anyone else would also be welcome.

Evening

Associate Arch Deacon Chris Bull will be leading The Easter Vigil / Service of Light at St. Thomas' starting at 7.00 p.m., followed by a "bring and share" supper afterwards. St. Thomas' will provide some wine and soft drinks as well as some food, please bring a plate of food to share.

St. Andrew's Church

Sunday 7th April 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

Our monthly service for anyone who wonders:

'What is 'CHURCH' all about?'

IS THAT YOU?

Come and find out as we continue with

ACTS 20

This month it's backwards!

St. Thomas Can't Accept

the Resurrection

(The story of 'doubting' Thomas)

**We start with refreshments in the Annexe,
then later a chance to ask questions and
to hear from St. Andrew's Church people.**

**All are welcome
including Children.**

Discover a spiritual side you never knew you had!

INTERREGNUM LATEST

On Wednesday 6th March, the selection committee for our new priest met to review and short-list applicants for the post.

Sadly, we all agreed that we would not call either of the two people for interview. For reasons of confidentiality we cannot go into more detail.

So, trusting in God to be preparing the right person for us, we will be re-advertising later this month.

Thank you all for your patience and support.

Tony Hermes
Churchwarden

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)

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

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT GIVING UP!

'We don't give up and quit.' 2 Corinthians 4:8 TLB

We give up because:- (1) We fear failure. Past hurts and mistakes haunt us, and we think it's better not to try again than risk failing. Don't spend your life digging up bones! We all have things in our past we would rather forget. Put them behind you. Paul writes, **'Forgetting those things which are behind...[reach] forward to those things which are ahead'** (Philippians 3:13 NKJV). (2) We worry what people will say. **'Fear of human opinion disables'** (Proverbs 29:25 MSG). How you respond to criticism is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. There will always be people who won't like or understand you. Get over it! (3) We listen to the wrong voices. Satan is the Father of Lies, and he will do everything he can to discourage you. Paul says, **'Demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God,... take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ'** (2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV). When a thought comes, examine it. If it's from God, receive it; if it's from Satan, 'demolish' it. (4) We lose focus. As believers, we're **to walk by faith, not by sight** (see Corinthians 5:7). That means making every decision based on what God says and not what you see with your natural eyes. (5) We lose touch with other believers. When the apostles got out of jail, they went back to **'their own company'** (Acts 4:23 KJV). To stay strong, you need fellowship with other Christians. Too many people give up on the verge of success; don't be one of them. There is only one degree of difference between hot water and steam - so keep going, and don't even think of giving up!

Pray God will give you the 'bull dog spirit' to finish the race set before you; persevere!

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.

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

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.

Enquiries to:

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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.