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**NOTICES FOR 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-end; Psalm 22:23-end; Mark 8:31-end.

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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings:** Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Psalm 19; John 2:13-22.

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

**St. Andrew's Wraysbury**  
11.00 a.m. Refreshments  
11.15 a.m. ACTS

**WHAT'S ON**

**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Stitch** 10.00 a.m. Champney Hall

**Crafty Church** 1.00 p.m. Champney Hall

**Mon. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Community Coffee Morning** 10.00 a.m. Champney Hall

**Tues. 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Wed. 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**LENT COURSE**

We are running a Lent Course on Thursdays in St. Andrew's Annexe for 4 weeks, starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. Each weekly session will last for about one hour and will start with refreshments.

The course is called "3 2 1" and 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 ARE BEING PRUNED

**'God's discipline is always good for us.'** Hebrews 12:10 NLT

Did you know that some master gardeners actually talk to their plants? Why? Because it helps them grow! Imagine yourself saying, 'You're such a good plant. My, you really are looking fine today! I'm so proud of you!' Now picture yourself talking to a plant you're pruning and saying, 'This pains me more than it pains you.' Whack! 'You will thank me for this afterward!' Whack! 'It's for your own good!' Whack! Now picture the plant talking back: 'You don't have a heart. You hate me. I've worked long and hard to make those roses you just cut off.' Isn't that what we say to God while He prunes us? 'Don't you love me? Don't you care about me? Don't you see what's going on in my life right now?' We think God is mad at us. No, He is not mad. One of the major mistakes we make is confusing pruning with punishment. Don't equate the two. God sees you as someone who can bear more fruit, someone with potential for greatness, someone He wants to utilise in a significant way. He wants you to be as fruitful as you can conceivably be, so He prunes you, even lopping off some of the things He has been blessing in your life. Have you lost a good job? Or a friend you loved? Had a financial setback? Or a sudden sickness? God may have something much better in mind. Can you trust Him? Do you believe He is at work in your life? God prunes us for more fruitfulness! His Word says, **'God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished'** (Philippians 1:6 NLT).

Pray **'My suffering was good for me'** Psalm 119 v.71 and thank God for all the problems of your life.

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 remembering the loss of a loved one in February:**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Graham Morley (Deceased 2020)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jason Hibberd (Deceased 2020)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joy Marshall (Deceased 2023)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Yvonne McFarlane (Deceased 2023)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Vivien Sams (Deceased 2018)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Reg Whatmore (Deceased 2019)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Schubert (Deceased 2021)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Hardley (Deceased 2021)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Wilfred (Bill) Butt (Deceased 2023)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Cross (Deceased 2020)
18 <sup>th</sup>	John Sleep (Deceased 2021)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jack Pengelly (Deceased 2018)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	John Bentley (Deceased 2018)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Robinson (Deceased 2020)

## **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**

### 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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**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](mailto:hermeshev57@gmail.com). Alternatively you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, 01865 208295 email: [safeguardingreferrals@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:safeguardingreferrals@oxford.anglican.org) or the Local Authority Social Services team on 01628 683150.