

WEEKLY NOTICES

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that we are already in September and 7th September will mark my first year at CHW Churches. Time has really flown by & with the changing weather, for me, the summer & holidays seem like a distant memory.

Summer in church can also be a time to retreat from the general business for a short while. For the Church family, it's a time when we meet even more rarely.

The purpose of this letter is a call for all of us to return to church on Sundays to worship God. The Psalmist says: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'" (Psalm 122:1).

In Acts 2, the early church ⁴²devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favour with all the people."

As you get back into the rhythm of life after the summer break, can I encourage you to invite family, friends and neighbours to come (or come back to church) with you?

Our corporate worship can serve as a witness to the world. Come rain or shine, winter or summer, we can show our neighbours that our commitment to love God and to love one another remains steadfast and unmovable.

I feel really excited to be back and hope that you have had a good summer and feel refreshed, renewed and spiritually fit for what God might be calling you to do.

God Bless

Rev. Patrick Samuels

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LITTLE LAMBS MUMS & TODDLERS GROUP [TERM TIME ONLY]



If you're looking for a stay and play, drop in baby and toddler groups in Wraysbury then look no further. Little Lambs Toddler Group is based at St Andrews Church in Wraysbury, where you can drop in **without prebooking** a place.

There is a small fee of £2.00 per family to cover the cost of drinks and snacks, and it's a great way to get out and entertain your children and meet other parents, carers, grandparents and childminders too.

For more details email: LittleLambs@CHWChurches.org

DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

Mon 8th September

09:10 Morning Prayer at St Michael's Horton

10:00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

13:30 Church Team meeting reminder

Tues. 9th September

09:10 Morning Prayer at St Thomas' Colnbrook

11:00 Midweek Communion St. Michael's

14:00 St. Andrew's Café (St. Andrew's Annexe)

Wed. 10th September

09:10 Morning Prayer at St Andrew's Wraysbury

10:00 Little Lambs (St. Andrew's Annexe)

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

Sat 13th September

10:00 Parish Vision Day (Champney Hall Horton)

PRAYER CYCLE @ CHWCHURCHES

**(TERM TIME ONLY) FOR APPROX. 20 MINS.
BASED ON THE PATTERN BELOW**

- **Mondays** St. Michael's Horton 9:10 a.m.
- **Tuesdays** St. Thomas' Colnbrook 9:10 a.m.
- **Wednesdays** St. Andrew's Wraysbury 9:10 a.m.

MONTHLY COMBINED PRAYER

- **First Tuesday of every month**
- 2nd Sept 2025 7:30 p.m. St. Michael's
- 7th Oct. 2025 7:30 p.m. St. Andrew's
- 4th Nov. 2025 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas'

Rotating to Wraysbury, Colnbrook, Horton venues

SUNDAY SERVICES & READINGS @ CHWCHURCHES

7th September 2025 (12th Sunday after Trinity).

Readings: Deut. 30:15-end; Philemon 1-21; Psalm 1; Luke 14:25-33

ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON - 9.30 am Parish Communion

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY - 10:30 Refreshments + **11.00 am Contemporary Service.**

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK 11:00 Parish Communion

14th September 2025 (13th Sunday after Trinity).

Readings: Exodus 32:7-14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Psalm 51:1-11, Luke 15:1-10

ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON - **9.30 a.m Family Service**

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY - 11.00 am Parish Communion

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK 11:00 am Parish Communion

PARISH VISION DAY

At this Parish vision day as CHW Churches we are trying to set a vision for the near future and how both as a church and joint benefice we can engage in mission and ministry. At the vision day we can also explore our God given gifts and talents, that can be used to serve God, the church and our communities

13th SEPTEMBER 2025 10:00 am -14:00 pm @ Champney Hall Horton

10:00 Arrival, Coffee and Croissants 😊

10:30 Session 1 – Appreciating what you have. We'll draw together a definitive list of every activity that the churches currently undertake and then look to categorise them as primarily either mission, discipleship or fellowship with some teaching on each.

11:15 Refreshments

11:45 Session 2 – Identifying which of those activities you would like to move into a different category and a 'how to' as to how to achieve that. How can I be part of that?

12:30 Light Lunch

13:15 Session 3 – Sharing resources so that benefice wide teamwork can become a greater strength over the coming years so that some of these activities can be upscaled as areas of excellence (e.g. pastoral care, children and young people etc.) How can I be part of that?

14:00 Depart



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. WITH WINTER HERE, SHOC PARTICULARLY NEED MEN'S: HATS, GLOVES, SOCKS, JUMPERS, COATS BESIDES THE FOOD OF COURSE.

THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR HELP. TONY HERMES, CHURCHWARDEN

SAFEGUARDING

ST. ANDREW'S, ST. MICHAEL'S AND ST. THOMAS' 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 EMAIL: SAFEGUARDING@CHWCHURCHES.ORG, 01784 391417, OR YOU CAN CONTACT THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING TEAM: EMAIL: SAFEGUARDINGREFERRALS@OXFORD.ANGLICAN.ORG 01865 208295, OR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES TEAM ON 01628 683150.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For Your Prayers

Paul Friar, Baby Louie Lazarou, Lorna Pullen, Annie, Doug Robinson, Colin Walsh, Margaret, Mark Blackman, Greg Scott, Judy Osborne, Olga Cheeseman, Anne Munday, Bea Tucker, Sue Wynne-Davies, Pam Thomas, Roy Talbot, Kelly Hughes, Sue Waller, Margaret Lenton and Pauline Blackman.

Our Mission Partners

- 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.

YOUTH ALPHA BEGINS 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Youth Alpha is a series of interactive sessions designed to start an open and honest conversation around some of the big questions of life.

Topics at Youth Alpha include: Who is Jesus, why did he die, how do I read the Bible, how do I pray, how is the Holy Spirit, and does God heal today? Alpha Youth runs all across the UK, in schools, homes, youth ministries, prisons, and online. No two Alpha Youths will look exactly the same but they typically have the same three main elements; eat food / play a game, watch a talk, and discuss.

Finally, **it is all free** and, if you decide it's not for you, drop out at any time.

To register please go to :

<https://chwchurches.org/youth-alpha/>

We start on Wednesday 10th Sept. at St Thomas' Church, Colnbrook – Kings Park, Colnbrook SL3 0JY

Email: office@chwchurches.org

Dates

Wednesday, 10th September (7:00 - 8:30)

Wednesday, 17th September (7:00 - 8:30)

Wednesday, 24th September (7:00 - 8:30)

Wednesday, 1st October (7:00 - 8:30)

Wednesday, 8th October (7:00 - 8:30)

Wednesday, 15th October (7:00 - 8:30)

Saturday, 18th October. Optional for Confirmation candidates

A Typical Evening at Youth Alpha

Welcome & Dinner | 7.00 – 7.30 PM. Join your group of new friends for a casual, catered dinner. Life is better together.

Watch | 7.30 – 8.00 PM

Each session covers a different topic of faith, either in a short talk or video. The Youth Alpha episodes are designed to engage and inspire conversation.

Discuss | 8.00 – 8.30 PM

The last part of Youth Alpha is a chance to share your thoughts on the session's topic and discuss it in your small groups.

HOUSE GROUPS

We have concluded our Alpha Course and some of the guests wish to join a House Group for home Bible studies, prayer and sharing. We have three extra homes open to welcome evening meetings and it would be great if each group had someone from each of our 3 Churches. Any interest? Chat to either Patrick or Mike in church or email mike.miller@cwhchurches.org or phone 07825577477. These groups are amazing at building Bible knowledge, strengthening our faith and growing closer to other members of God's family.

Mike Miller