# WEEKLY REFLECTION

# Key Contacts @ CHW Churches

### **Celebrating Black History Month:**

This October, we mark Black History Month – a time to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of people of colour to our church, culture, and society.

As we journey through the month of October, it's time to reflect on the rich stories and heritage of black communities in our churches and finding ways to celebrate the diversity that enriches our shared life of faith.

"So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

This verse highlights the creation of humanity in the likeness of God and as we mark Black History Month. It's not just a time to remember and celebrate the contribution of the black communities but for recommitment—to justice, reconciliation, and the shared calling of Christ's body.

This month is also a reminder to listen deeply, repent where needed and work actively for a church where all are seen, heard, and valued. As Paul encourages, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace"

(Ephesians 4:3).

Unity is not uniformity; it is the beautiful harmony of difference held together in love.

Black History Month also provides an opportunity for reflection on how we can continue to listen to and work together, building inclusive communities where everyone feels welcomed and valued.

Let us walk forward together—not only in word, but

in action—so that the Church may truly reflect the inclusive, transformative love of Christ.

God Bless, *Rev. Patrick* 

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### DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

### Saturday 18th October

09.30 Harvest Decoration of St. Thomas' Church Colnbrook

### **Monday 20th October**

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Michael's Horton

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

13.30 CHW Churches Team Meeting at Vicarage (team only)

### **Tuesday 21st October**

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Thomas' Colnbrook

11.00 Midweek Communion at St. Michael's Horton

14.00 St. Andrew's Cafe at St. Andrew's Annexe, Wraysbury

### **Wednesday 22nd October**

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's Wraysbury

10.00 Wraysbury Coffee Morning at The Hub

10.00 Little Lambs at St. Andrew's Annexe, Wraysbury

19.00 Youth Alpha at St. Thomas' Colnbrook

19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's Wraysbury

### **Thursday 23rd October**

14.15 Colnbrook Primary School Harvest Service at St Thomas' Church

# Friday 24th October

15.00 Burial of Ashes of Harry Tanner at St. Michael's Horton (private ceremony)

### Saturday 25th October

10.00 Stitch at Champney Hall
13.00 Crafty Church at Champney Hall

## 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 4th November 2025 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas' 2nd December 2025 7:30 p.m. St. Michael's 6th January 2026 7:30 p.m. St. Andrew's

Rotating to Wraysbury, Colnbrook, Horton venues

### **SUNDAY SERVICES & READINGS @ CHWCHURCHES**

### 19th October 2025 (18th Sunday after Trinity)

Readings: Genesis 32:22-31; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Psalm 121; Luke 18:1-8

(Harvest readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Philippians 4:4-9 or Revelation 14:14-18; Psalm 100; John 6:25-35)

**ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON** – 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion;

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY - 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK - 11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival

26th October 2025 (Last Sunday of Trinity)

**BIBLE SUNDAY** 

Readings: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY - 11.00 a.m. Joint 4th Sunday Communion Service

NO SERVICES AT ST. MICHAEL'S OR ST. THOMAS'

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY - 5.00 p.m. Annual Memorial Service

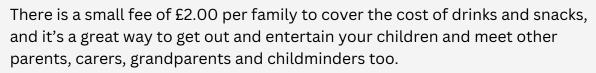
### WRAYSBURY SCHOOL GOVERNOR AND CLASSROOM READERS REQUIRED

We would like to appoint a Church Representative for the Board of Governors at Wraysbury Primary School. If you feel that this is a role you are called to do, please contact Patrick to discuss.

Also, the school are looking for people to help children with reading in the classroom. Again, let Patrick know of your interest and he will put you in touch with the school contact.

# 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.



For more details email: <u>LittleLambs@CHWChurches.org</u>



#### **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.OR, 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, 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, Pauline Blackman, George Blackman, Alison, Helen, Jilly and her family, Stephen Gamble, the Youth Alpha group.

#### **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.

# **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY SERVICES**

Please see below the schedule of COMBINED services of 2025 for your diaries:

26<sup>th</sup> October St. Andrew's 11.00am (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

23<sup>rd</sup> November St. Thomas' 11.00am [4<sup>th</sup> Sunday]

30<sup>th</sup> November St. Andrew's 11.00am (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

25<sup>th</sup> December St. Michael's 11.00am (Christmas Day)

28<sup>th</sup> December St. Thomas' 11.00am [4<sup>th</sup> Sunday]

Many thanks for your support in this matter, please pray for the continued unity of our three churches.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU REQUIRE TRANSPORT FOR THE COMBINED SERVICES, PLEASE EMAIL SUE ON office@CHWChurches.org OR PHONE 07543 539569

# **YOUTH ALPHA**

The Youth Alpha course has been running over the last few weeks at St. Thomas' Church in Colnbrook with an average of 10 young people at each session. They have been exploring themes such as Who is Jesus?, Why Would I Want A Relationship with God? What Does A Relationship with God Look Like? and Who is the Holy Spirit? Each week they impress us with their honesty, depth of questions, interest in the Bible and commitment - we could all learn from them in many ways. As some are preparing to be confirmed and make a public declaration of their faith, please pray for them and also the leaders who are planning how to carry on the momentum and nurture them in future.

Rev. Patrick Samuels



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