

WEEKLY NOTICES

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Advent – Waiting in Hope

Are you ready for Christmas? We often focus on Christmas itself, yet to truly arrive there, we must first journey through Advent—the four-week season in which the Christian Church slows down to prepare by reflecting on the many ways we wait – waiting is not easy!

How, then, do we mark this time of waiting for Christmas? One simple but meaningful tradition is the Advent calendar. It helps us count down the days and recognise our waiting in a tangible way. Inviting us to see waiting, not as an inconvenience but as a spiritual discipline.

The Gospel accounts of Christ's birth give us a lens for reflection. Jesus' humble arrival in Bethlehem—welcomed by shepherds and later visited by magi—shows us that God is found in the ordinary. His coming encourages us to look for the sacred in our everyday.

2025 may have presented you with uncertainty and challenges, yet advent season brings us hope. Luke 2:10-11 tells us: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people... a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." This proclamation assures us that Christ's light breaks through even the darkest days.

Advent also draws our attention forward. Philippians 3:13-14 urges us to let go of what lies behind and press on toward what lies ahead, and in Matthew 24:44 we are reminded to be ready for Christ's return. Advent points us both to the manger where Jesus was born and to the promise of future – eternity with Christ.

As we approach this season of advent, I encourage you to pause, reflect, and renew your faith. You are warmly invited to join us at St Michael's Church, Horton, on Saturday 29th November at 9:30am, where Rev. Sheila Samuels will lead an Advent reflection, "The Joy of the Advent Journey." On Sunday 30th November at 11:00am at St Andrew's Church, Wraysbury, Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, will help us begin our Advent journey together.

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DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

W/C SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday 29th November

09.00 Christmas Tree Festival at St. Andrew's (until 5.00 p.m.)

09.30 Advent Reflection at St. Michael's Horton

10.00 Stitch at Champney Hall, Horton

13.00 Crafty Church at Champney Hall, Horton

Monday 1st December

09.10 Morning Prayers at St. Michael's Horton

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall, Horton

13.30 CHW Churches Team Meeting (Team only)

Tuesday 2nd December

09.10 Morning Prayers 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

19.30 United Prayers at St. Michael's Horton

Wednesday 3rd December

09.10 Morning Prayers at St. Andrew's Wraysbury

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

10.00 Coffee Morning, The Hub, Wraysbury

19.00 Connect Youth Group at St. Thomas' Colnbrook

19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's Wraysbury

Saturday 6th December

Crib set-up at St. Michael's Horton (time to be confirmed)

Sunday 7th December

16.00 Horton Lighting of the Christmas Tree

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 December 2025 7:30 p.m. St. Michael's

6th January 2026 7:30 p.m. St. Andrew's

3rd February 2026 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas'

3rd March 2026 7.30 p.m. St. Michael's

Rotating to Wraysbury, Colnbrook, Horton venues

SUNDAY SERVICES & READINGS @ CHWCHURCHES

30th November 2025 (1st Sunday of Advent/St. Andrew's Day)

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-end; Matthew 24:36-44

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY – 11.00 a.m. 5th Sunday Joint Advent Service

Bishop Steven Croft will be leading this service. Please make every effort to attend, we would like a full church for him please!

(No morning services at St. Michael's or St. Thomas' due to the combined service)

7th December 2025 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Matthew 3:1-12

ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY - 10.30 Refreshments; 11.00 Contemporary Service

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK – 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

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.

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



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, Lorna Pullen, Annie, 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, Curtis, Louise Swanston, Carole.

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.

4TH AND 5TH SUNDAY SERVICES

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

30th November St. Andrew's 11.00am [5th Sunday]

25th December St. Michael's 11.00am [Christmas Day]

28th December St. Thomas' 11.00am [4th Sunday]

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

HORTON
Christmas
Tree Lighting
**7TH DECEMBER
4:00 PM**
**MEMORIAL GREEN
HORTON**

JOIN MEMBERS OF HORTON PARISH COUNCIL, ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY IN LIGHTING OUR CHRISTMAS TREE. BRING THE FAMILY AND ENJOY CHRISTMAS CAROLS, MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES



COLLECTION FOR SHOC

St. Andrew's Church Cafe is collecting new or preloved hats, scarves gloves and socks to wrap up as gifts for the Slough homeless this Christmas. Items can be brought to the church at service times, to the cafe on Tuesdays at 2-4pm or can be left in the church porch anytime.