WEEKLY REFLECTION

Key Contacts @ CHW Churches

DON'T GIVE PLACE TO PRIDE

'Our power and ability and sufficiency are from God.' 2 Corinthians 3:5 AMPC

Before his 1971 fight with Joe Frazier, Muhammad Ali said: "There's not a man alive who can whup me. [He jabbed at the air with his blinding left.] I'm too smart. [He tapped his head with his glove.] I'm too pretty. [He showed the cameras his profile, like a bust on a pedestal.] I am the greatest! I am the king! I should be a postage stamp — that's the only way I'll ever get licked!' Guess what happened in that fight? To the amazement of all, especially himself, Ali lost to Frazier.

When confidence in your own ability and resources becomes pride, and then becomes arrogance, you're heading for trouble. The Bible says, 'Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall' (Proverbs 16:18 NKJV). So, how do you find balance? By remembering that every gift, ability, talent, and resource that you have comes from God. Confidence is essential to success. There is nothing wrong with recognising the gifts God has given you. But the difference between self-confidence and Christ confidence is found in who gets the credit. A good way to keep this thought in the forefront of your life is to practise the art of thanksgiving each day. It's hard to be too self-confident when you acknowledge that you are nothing without God's grace, which is His unmerited, unearned, undeserved favour. The Bible says: 'All of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time' (1 Peter 5:5-6 NKJV).

Practise gratitude every day, for all good gifts sent from heaven above. Then thank the Lord

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DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

W/C SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 16th November

18.30 Candlelight Concert at St. Andrew's Wraysbury

Monday 17th November

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 at Vicarage (Team only)

Tuesday 18th November

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

Wednesday 19th November

09.10 Morning Prayers at St. Andrew's Wraysbury 10.00 Little Lambs at St. Andrew's Annexe, Wraysbury 19.00 Connect Youth Group at St. Thomas' Colnbrook 19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's Wraysbury

Thursday 20th November

11.00 Renewal of Vows of Ken & Julia Smith at St. Andrew's Wraysbury

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' Rotating to Wraysbury, Colnbrook, Horton venues

SUNDAY SERVICES & READINGS @ CHWCHURCHES

16th November 2025 (2nd Sunday before Advent)

Readings: Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Psalm 98; Luke 21:5-19

ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON – 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY – 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK – 9.30 a.m. Informal Service

23rd November 2025 (Christ the King)

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79 OR Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK - 11.00 a.m. 4th Sunday Combined Service PLEASE NOTE: NO MORNING SERVICE AT ST. ANDREW'S OR ST. MICHAEL'S

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY - 4.00 p.m. Advent Reflections

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: <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, 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, Stephen Gamble, Curtis.

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 SUNDAY SERVICES

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

23rd November St. Thomas' 11.00am (4th Sunday) 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





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