Christ the King Sunday

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Christ the King Sunday marks the final Sunday of the liturgical year and invites us to reflect on what it means to acknowledge Christ's reign in a rapidly changing, often polarized world. Established in 1925 as a response to rising nationalism and political turmoil, the feast remains strikingly relevant today, when many continue to place their hope in 'worldly' power, problem solving, decision making and creativity based on 'Artificial Intelligence'. Christ the King Sunday reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is not to shifting cultural trends or political figures but to Christ, whose kingdom is rooted in love, peace, justice, and humility.

The feast of Christ the King is a reminder of Christ's universal sovereignty - his reign over all creation; past, present, and future. Yet this kingship is radically different from the models of power we see around us! Christ rules through service rather than domination and fear, through compassion rather than control. His authority is revealed most clearly in his willingness to take our place on the cross. In an age marked by inequality, conflict and division, Christ the King challenges the church (that is us!) to embody Christ's leadership; servant-leadership that prioritizes the least, the lost, the lonely and the overlooked.

As we stand on the threshold of Advent, the feast of Christ the King serves as both an ending and a new beginning. It invites the church to reset its vision, recommit to love of our neighbour, and realign itself with Christ's mission. In today's society, this means advocating for justice, practicing forgiveness, resisting hatred and building communities where Christ's peace can be seen and lived.

My prayer for us all as we celebrate Christ the King is to love one another as Christ loves us and foster a culture of fairness, inclusion, and unity, so that our churches would come to reflect the fullness of God's kingdom where all people believe, belong, and become who God calls them to be.

Amen

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DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

W/C SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2025

Monday 24th November

- 09.10 Morning Prayers at St. Michael's Horton
- 10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall, Horton
- 19.30 St. Andrew's PCC Meeting in the Annexe

Tuesday 25th 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 26th November

- 09.10 Morning Prayers at St. Andrew's Wraysbury
- 10.00 Little Lambs at St. Andrew's Annexe, Wraysbury
- 10.00 Coffee Morning at The Hub, Wraysbury
- 19.00 Connect Youth Group at St. Thomas' Colnbrook
- 19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's Wraysbury
- 19.30 Deanery synod meeting St. Mary's Langley

Friday 28th November

- 09.00 Christmas Tree Festival at St. Andrew's (until 5.00 p.m.)
- 18.00 Lighting of Wraysbury Christmas Tree

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

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

23rd November 2025 (Christ the King)

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK - 11.00 a.m. 4th Sunday Combined Service

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

30th November 2025 (1st Sunday of Advent/St. Andrew's Day)
Readings: Romans 13:11-end; Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

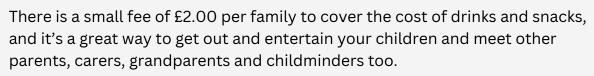
WRAYSBURY SCHOOL GOVERNOR AND CLASSROOM READERS REQUIRED

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, 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.

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

RIP STEPHEN GAMBLE

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Stephen following a short illness and stay in hospital.

Stephen deputised playing the organ at St Michael's and St Andrew's for many years. He was also organist at St Thomas' for some time, so many people from our churches will remember him.

He was uncle to our organist David and we send him and the family our condolences.

There will not be a funeral service but a memorial service in the new year

ADVENT REFLECTION
SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
9.30 AM



"The Joy of the Advent journey"

An opportunity to explore the theme of joy in the season of Advent through 3 very familiar items; a Christmas tree, baubles and Christmas cards.

Why not take time out and prepare for Advent before the hustle and bustle of Christmas sets in. We begin with breakfast at 9.30am, followed by a time of reflection and finish at 11.30am, ready with the joy of the Advent season.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SPEAK WITH REV SHEILA ON 07901170503

VACANCIES ON THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

We currently have two vacancies on the PCC. Please pray about whether you should consider joining the PCC. You must have been on the Electoral Roll of St. Andrew's for at least 6 months and be willing to attend meetings throughout the year (typically 4). If this is a role you feel is right for you, please contact Patrick to discuss.



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.