

WEEKLY NOTICES

WEEKLY REFLECTION

A WHOLE NEW APPROACH

'The Word became flesh.' John 1:14 NKJV

When the angel visited Mary, he said,
'Don't be frightened ...God has decided to... bless you!' (Luke 1:30 TLB).

Yet when it comes to approaching God directly, many religions are ruled by fear. Philip Yancey says: 'Certainly the Jews associated fear with worship. A person "blessed" with a direct encounter with God expected to come away scorched or glowing or maybe [in pain] like Jacob. Among people who walled off a separate sanctum for God in the temple and shrank from pronouncing or spelling out His name, God made a surprise appearance as a baby in a manger. In Jesus, God found a way of relating to human beings that did not involve fear. A New Covenant that would not emphasise the gulf between God and humanity but instead would span it. I learned about incarnation when I kept a saltwater aquarium. You would think, in view of all the energy I expended on their behalf, that my fish would at least be grateful. Not so! Every time my shadow loomed above the tank they dived for cover; to [them] I was deity; too large for them, my actions too incomprehensible. My acts of mercy they saw as cruelty; my attempts at healing; as destruction. To change their perceptions I would have to become a fish and "speak" to them in a language they could understand. A human being becoming a fish is nothing compared to God becoming a baby. Yet that is what happened at Bethlehem. The God who created matter took shape within it, as an artist might become a spot on a painting or a playwright a character within his own play. God wrote a story, only using real characters, on the pages of real history. **The Word became flesh.**'

Pray that the God who left heaven to meet you will be your closest friend, this Christmas and forever.

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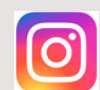
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CHW CHURCHES



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DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

W/C SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025

Saturday 13th December

10.00 Church & Annexe Cleaning at St. Andrew's Wraysbury

Monday 15th 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 at Vicarage (Team only)

19.00 Wraysbury Primary School Carol Service at St. Andrew's Wraysbury

Tuesday 16th 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

Wednesday 17th December

09.10 Morning Prayers at St. Andrew's Wraysbury

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

10.00 Community Coffee Morning, The Hub, Wraysbury

19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's Wraysbury

Thursday 18th December

14.00 Colnbrook School Christmas Service at St. Thomas' Colnbrook

Saturday 20th December

10.15 Flowers for Christmas at St. Thomas' Colnbrook

Tuesday 23rd December: **ADVANCE NOTICE**

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NOT BE A MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICE AT ST. MICHAEL'S

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

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

14th December 2025 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Psalm 146:4-10: or Magnificat; Matthew 11:2-11

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

21st December 2025 (4th Sunday of Advent)

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Psalm 80:1-8, 18-20; Matthew 1:18-end

ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY – 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion;
6.00 p.m. Carol Service
ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK – 3.00 p.m. Christingle Service
NB: No morning service at St. Thomas'

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:

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

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

Please note change of venue from St. Thomas'

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

CHURCH NEWS



Christmas is definitely coming to our villages!

Horton had a wonderful Lighting of the Christmas Tree on Sunday, arranged by the Parish Council with prayers led by Rev. Patrick.

Wraysbury held a Christmas Tree Festival in St. Andrew's with Wraysbury Primary School, who filled the church to the rafters with their youngsters' carol singing.

This week, Rev. Patrick joined Colnbrook Primary for their all day Prayer Shed and Pippins for their Nativity play.



Christingle Making Workshop

Fun for all the family



St. Michael's Church, Horton
Tuesday 23rd December
6.00 pm

Come along or phone Benta 07986 239269