### **CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT - CHRIST**

**WEEKLY REFLECTION** 

They saw the young child...and fell down, and worshipped him.' Matthew 2.11 KJV

He was born in the humblest of settings, yet heaven above was filled with the songs of angels. His birthplace was a cattle shed, yet a star brought the rich and noble from thousands of miles away to worship Him. His birth was contrary to the laws of life and His death was contrary to the laws of death, yet no miracle is greater than His birth, His life, His death, His resurrection and His teachings. He had no cornfields or fisheries, yet He spread a table for 5,000 and had bread and fish to spare. He never stood on expensive carpeting, yet He walked on the waters and they supported Him. His crucifixion was the crime of crimes, yet from God's perspective no less a price could have made possible our redemption. When He died, few mourned His passing, yet God hung a black cape over the sun. Those who crucified Him did not tremble at what they'd done, yet the earth shook under them. Sin never touched Him. Corruption could not get hold of His body. The soil that was reddened with His blood could not claim His dust. For over three years He preached the gospel. He wrote no book, He had no headquarters and He built no organisation. Yet two thousand years later He's the central figure of human history, the perpetual theme of all preaching, the pivot around which the ages revolve, and the only redeemer of the human race. At this season of celebration and gift-giving, let's join the wise men who 'fell down and worshipped him'. Let's remember, Christmas is about - Christ!

Pray: yet what I can I give Him; I give Him my heart!

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### DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

#### SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER 2025 - 1st JANUARY 2026

NO MORNING PRAYERS, ST. ANDREW'S CAFE OR LITTLE LAMBS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**Saturday 20th December** 

10.00 St. Andrew's will be decorated for Christmas by the flower team.

Please join us if willing and able!

10.15 Flowers for Christmas at St. Thomas' Colnbrook

**Sunday 21st December** 

18.00 Christmas Carol Service at St. Andrew's, Wraysbury

**Monday 22nd December** 

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall, Horton

**Tuesday 23rd December** 

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

18.00 Christingle Making at St. Michael's Horton

**Saturday 27th December** 

10.00 Stitch at Champney Hall

13.00 Crafty Church

**Monday 29th December** 

10.00 Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall inc. Lego play from 10.30

**Tuesday 30th December** 

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

**Wednesday 31st December** 

19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's Wraysbury (to be confirmed)

**Thursday 1st January 2026** 

12.00 New Year Gathering at St. Michael's 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 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**

### 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 NO MORNING SERVICE AT ST. THOMAS'

### 24th December 2025 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

Readings: Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON - 5.00 p.m. Christingle Service ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY - 11.30 p.m. Midnight Service ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK - 4.00 p.m. Crib Service; 11.30 p.m. Midnight Service

### 25th December 2025 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10 or Isaiah 9:2-7; Hebrews 1:1-4 or Titus 2:11-14; Psalm 98 or 96; John 1:1-14 or Luke 2:1-20

ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON – 11.00 a.m. Joint Parish Communion Service NO SERVICES AT ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK OR ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY

# 28th December 2025 (1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS)

Readings: Hebrews 2:10-end; Matthew 2:13-18

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY – 11.00 a.m. 4th Sunday Joint Parish Communion NO SERVICES AT ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON OR ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK

#### **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, 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.

# **4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 EVENTS**



