

WEEKLY REFLECTION

HOLD FAST

'Let us hold fast...without wavering...He who promised is faithful'. Hebrews 10:23 NKJV

You will notice that during the creation process, God counts days based on the previous nights. The Bible doesn't say, 'The morning and evening were the first day.' No, it says, '**God called...the evening and the morning...the first day**' [Genesis 1:5 KJV]. That means God specialises in bringing light out of darkness - you just have to get through one to get to the other! God told Moses that the angel of death would come at night, and wherever he saw the blood of the lamb on the doorposts, the inhabitants of that house would be saved [see Exodus 12:12-13]. Exodus states that God '**sent a...wind that blew all night until there was dry land...and the Israelites walked through**' [Exodus 14:21-22 CEV]. The psalmist wrote, '**Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning**' [Psalm 30:5 NKJV]. The dawn is all the more brilliant because of the darkness that preceded it, just as your progress is all the more rewarding when set against a backdrop of pain, gain, and breakthrough. Great mornings come by getting through rough nights. When you see somebody who is having a great day, chances are you're looking at somebody who has been through a long night. When you hear them shouting the victory, it may be because they have spent the night praying and weeping before God. The Bible says, '**Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise**' [Hebrews 10:23 NLT]. Trusting God is more than just wishful thinking. It's knowing that if He said it, He will do it. It's realising He doesn't just control creation, He controls your circumstances. So, 'hold fast'.

Remember to pray for God's strength whenever we are going through a long, hard, dark season.

WEEKLY NOTICES

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W/C SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 2026

Monday 19th January

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Michael's

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

**13.30 Funeral Service for Jocelyn Bryant at St. Michael's, Horton
(followed by private cremation)**

Tuesday 20th January

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Thomas'

11.00 Midweek Communion at St. Michael's

14.00 St. Andrew's Cafe in St. Andrew's Annexe

Wednesday 21st January

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's

10.00 Little Lambs Mums & Toddlers at St. Andrew's Annexe

19.00 Connect Youth Group at St. Thomas'

19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew'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

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

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

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

Rotating to Wraysbury, Colnbrook, Horton venues

18th January 2026 (2nd Sunday of Epiphany)

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalm 40:1-12; John 1:29-42

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

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY – 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK – 11.00 a.m. All Age Family Service



25th January 2026 (3rd Sunday of Epiphany/Conversion of St. Paul)

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 OR Acts 9:10-22;
Matthew 4:12-23 OR Matthew 19:27-end

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY – 11.00 a.m. Joint 4th Sunday Parish Communion

NO SERVICES AT St. MICHAEL'S HORTON AND ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK

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, Roy Talbot, Kelly Hughes, Sue Waller, Margaret Lenton, Pauline Blackman, George Blackman, Alison, Helen, Jilly and her family, Curtis, Louise Swanston, Carole, Lesley West.

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 upcoming COMBINED services of 2026 for your diaries:

25th January St. Andrew's 11.00am (4th Sunday)

22nd February St. Michael's 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

CHURCH NEWS

MONTHLY ON THE LAST SATURDAY

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Gather for a morning filled with encouragement, connection, and a nourishing meal. Begin your day with company and a chat.

STARTS
SATURDAY JANUARY 31ST
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

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STEPHEN GAMBLE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

David Gamble would like to let you know that Stephen's service will be held at

12 noon on Friday 30th January

**St. Andrew's Church, Wraysbury
All welcome**