

WEEKLY REFLECTION

DON'T AVOID - ENGAGE

'As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.' John 17:18 NIV

Jesus prayed in John 17:14-18: **'I have given them your word... My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world'** [NIV]. Where did Jesus dispatch His disciples? **Into the world.** He didn't say, 'Try to avoid the world. Just hang out with Christian people in the church, and keep your distance from people who use bad language and are bad people.' He says being sent as a representative of God into your job, your neighbourhood, your circumstances, and your situations is why you're on this planet. He says, '**As the Father has sent me, I am sending you'** [John 20:21 NIV]. We're not called to avoid the world, but to engage it. You say, 'But I don't feel comfortable around such people.' Then ask God to make you more like Jesus, who was known as 'a friend of sinners' [see Luke 7:34]. Jesus told His disciples, '**I am sending you out like sheep among wolves'** [Matthew 10:16 NIV]. It takes two things for a sheep to operate among wolves: courage and wisdom. It also takes total commitment. Albert Schweitzer gave up his standing as a superb theologian and world-class musician to serve the poorest people on another continent. Whatever God has called you to do, it will involve loving people and giving yourself to them. Pray that you will be given the courage to tell people in your world that God loves them.

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1ST FEBRUARY 2026

(4TH SUNDAY OF
EPIPHANY)/PRESENTATION OF CHRIST
IN THE TEMPLE/CANDLEMAS)

WEEKLY NOTICES

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CHW CHURCHES



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DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

W/C SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2026

Saturday 31st January

10.00 Men's Breakfast in St. Andrew's Annexe

10.00 Stitch in Champney Hall

13.00 Crafty Church in Champney Hall

Monday 2nd February

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Michael's

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

Tuesday 3rd February

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

19.30 United Prayers at St. Thomas'

Wednesday 4th February

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

19.30 St. Andrew's PCC in St. Andrew's Annexe

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

1st February 2026

(4th Sunday of Epiphany)/Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas)

**Readings: 1 Kings 17:8-16 or Malachi 3:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:18-end
or Hebrews 2:14-end; Psalm 36:5-10 or 24; Luke 2:22-40**

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

**ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY – 10.30 a.m. Refreshments,
11.00 a.m. Contemporary Service**

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK – 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

8th February 2026 (2nd Sunday before Lent)

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:3; Romans 8:18-25; Psalm 136; Matthew 6:25-end

ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON – 9.30 a.m. All Age Service

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

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK – 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

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:

22nd February St. Michael's 11.00am [4th Sunday]

22nd March St. Thomas' 11.00am [4th Sunday]

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU REQUIRE TRANSPORT FOR THE COMBINED SERVICES, PLEASE EMAIL SUE ON
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CHURCH NEWS



COME AND SEE
Discovering Jesus through the Eucharist
Explore the profound meal at the heart of Christian life - whether you're new to Christianity or have been coming to church for years.

Happening here:
Vicarage, Wraysbury: Monday evenings from 16th Feb
Daytime sessions dependant on numbers

oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

The “COME AND SEE” LENT COURSE will start on Monday 16th February 7.30pm Daytime sessions dependant on numbers. The theme for 2026 is Discovering Jesus through the Eucharist. This is a chance for people to explore the profound meal at the heart of Christian worship and Christian life.

SIGN UP in church or here:

<https://chwchurches.org/lent-course/>

HOLIDAY AT HOME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This is a one week long event designed for older adults [OAP] who would like company and activities for a week during the summer holidays, perhaps when their families or helpers are away.

If you would like to help please get in touch with Sue office@chwchurches.org or 07543 539569