

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### JUST SOW THE SEED

***"We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News."***

1 Corinthians 3:5 NLT

One day when Charles Colson was scheduled to preach to three hundred inmates at San Quentin prison, a lockdown was called and most of the prisoners were confined to their cells. To the few who were allowed to attend, Colson decided to go ahead and give the complete message he had prepared. Later when he expressed disappointment that the three hundred were unable to attend, he was told, 'We videotaped your message and will be showing it numerous times to all twenty-two hundred prisoners.'

What if Colson had given way to disappointment and just delivered a short devotional instead of the full evangelistic message he had prepared? More than two thousand prisoners would not have heard the gospel. An occasion may arise when you are the only person available to speak for God. Will you be faithful in such a moment? You are the most important person in the world to God when you are the one He has called to do something for Him. And the message is more important than the messenger.

Paul writes: '***We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow'. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work'*** (w. 5-8 NLT).

Pray in Paul's words: "***Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction.***"

[2 Timothy 4:2](#)

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15th February 2026  
(SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT)

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## DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

**W/C SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2026**

**HALF TERM – NO MORNING PRAYERS OR LITTLE LAMBS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 14th February**

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

**Monday 16th February**

**10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall**

**19.30 "Come & See" Lent Course at Vicarage, Wraysbury**

**Tuesday 17th February – Shrove Tuesday**

**NO MIDWEEK SERVICE AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

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

**16.00 Pancake Party at St. Thomas'**

**Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday**

**NO CONNECT YOUTH CLUB**

**19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's**

**19.30 Ash Wednesday Service at St. Michael's**

**Thursday 19th February**

**14.00 "Come & See" Lent Course, St. Thomas', Colnbrook**

## 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 March 2026 7.30 p.m. St. Michael's**

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

**5th May 2026 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas'**

***Rotating to Wraysbury, Colnbrook, Horton venues***

## SUNDAY SERVICES & READINGS @ CHWCHURCHES

### 15th February 2026 (Sunday next before Lent))

Readings: Exodus 24:12-end; 2 Peter 1:16-end; Psalm 2 or 99; Matthew 17:1-9

**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 Service

### 18th February 2026 (Ash Wednesday)

Readings: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58 1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Psalm 51 1-18; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21 or John 8:1-11

**ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON** - 7.30 p.m. Joint Ash Wednesday Service

### 22nd February 2026 (1st Sunday of Lent)

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Psalm 32; Matthew 4:1-11

**ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON** – 11.00 a.m. Joint 4th Sunday Communion

**NO SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S OR ST. THOMAS'**

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:SAFEGUARDING@CHWChurches.org), 01784 391417, OR YOU CAN CONTACT THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING TEAM: EMAIL: [SAFEGUARDINGREFERRALS@OXFORD.ANGLICAN.ORG](mailto:SAFEGUARDINGREFERRALS@OXFORD.ANGLICAN.ORG) 01865 208295, OR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES TEAM ON 01628 683150.

# FOR YOUR PRAYERS

## For Your Prayers

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## 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 upcoming COMBINED services of 2026 for your diaries:

**22nd February St. Michael's 11.00am (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**

**22nd March St. Thomas' 11.00am (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**

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

## CHURCH NEWS

### 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](mailto:office@chwchurches.org) or 07543 539569



### CHURCH SUITE: ARE YOU ON IT?

**What is it?** A system that allows churches to create tailored rotas and calendars

**Why should I sign up?** The Google calendar will soon be deleted and you will miss rota reminders so please sign up

**How do I use it?** Accept the email invitation

**I have questions** Ask Sue **07543 539569**

# PREPARING FOR LENT



## LENT COURSE

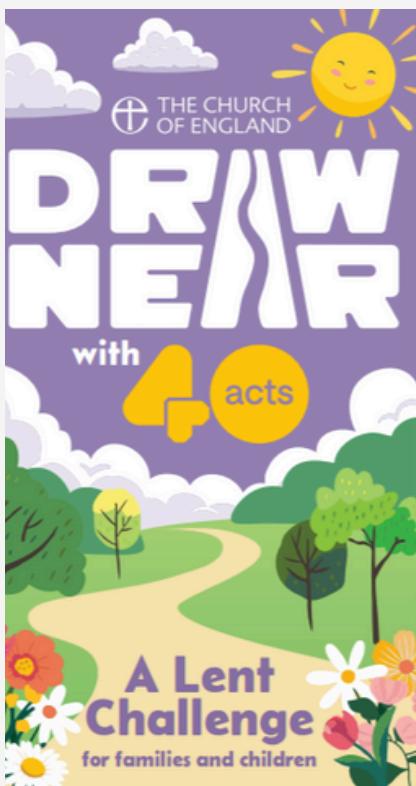
The “COME AND SEE” LENT COURSE will start on Monday evenings at 7.30pm from 16th February or Thursday afternoons at 2pm from 19<sup>th</sup> February.

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://chwcchurches.org/lent-course/>

**NEW DAYTIME COURSE ON THURSDAYS AT 2PM**



## LENT RESOURCES

‘Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.’ - Lent has long been involved in giving up pleasures to focus on Jesus’ sacrifice, though modern sacrifices vary widely. This lent, instead of denying something, consider embracing new habits of prayer and reflection. Setting aside time for guided practices can build healthier spiritual rhythms and deepen your journey toward Easter.

The Church of England’s theme for Lent 2026 is Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent. Please help your self to a free lent resource in our churches.

This year’s resource have at their heart the theme of a ‘rhythm of life’, habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God’s saving love at Easter.

We have a daily devotional for adults and a special version with 40 acts for children and families.

**Available in the Churches on Sunday, please come and take one.**





# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

Fun, Games & Food for the whole family

**FREE**

Event in Church



Date - Tuesday 17th February 2026 Time - 4:00 pm

St Thomas' Church Colnbrook

To book your place - please sign up in Church or visit

[CHWChurches.org](http://CHWChurches.org)