

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Racial Justice Sunday

This Sunday, churches across Britain & Ireland will mark Racial Justice Sunday, more than a date, given the current climate in our nation. It is essential for us as CHW Churches to reflect on the call to racial justice, to celebrate the beauty of human diversity, and to renew our commitment to ending racism and discrimination in all its forms.

The Churches Together in Britain & Ireland (CTBI) theme, **“Coat of Many Colours”** invites us to rejoice in the rich multicultural reality of the Church today. It reminds us that the body of Christ is made in the image of God—diverse and without distinction of race. Catholic Archbishop of Southwark recently affirmed, racial justice is not confined to a single day; it is a daily calling that shapes every encounter with every person, whatever background or circumstances. While we celebrate the diversity within our own congregations, we must also acknowledge that inequality persists both in society and within the Church. The Church of England’s **From Lament to Action** report urges us to move beyond conversation and take meaningful steps toward inclusion and equity.

This week, I invite you to join me in 3 commitments:

- **Pray:** That our communities may be generous in fostering a place all can flourish and truly belong.
- **Learn:** By deepening our understanding of the experiences of our diverse, Global Majority Heritage (GMH) brothers and sisters.
- **Act:** Challenge prejudice wherever we see it and celebrate the God-given gifts of every person.

In a world scarred by prejudice, hate speech, and growing division, the Church is called to be a beacon of God’s justice and love. Racial justice is not only a moral responsibility; it is a spiritual one. **“Every person is created in God’s image”** (Genesis 1:27). When we confront discrimination, we honour the divine spark in one another and bear witness to Christ’s reconciling love. As followers of Christ, may we live out the truth of Galatians 3:28: **“...we are all one in Christ Jesus.”** May this Racial Justice Sunday renew our commitment to transform hearts, communities, and nations. Amen

**Rev. Patrick Samuels**

8th February 2026  
(SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT)

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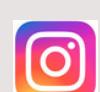
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## DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

### W/C SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2026

#### Monday 9th February

**09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Michael's**

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

#### Tuesday 10th 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**

**14.30 Funeral at St. Thomas'**

#### Wednesday 11th February

**09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's**

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

**19.00 Connect Youth Group at St. Thomas'**

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

**19.30 PCC Meeting St. Thomas'**

#### Saturday 14th February

**10.00 Church & Annexe Cleaning 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 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

### 8th February 2026 (Sunday next 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**



### 15th February 2026 (2nd Sunday 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**

#### 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 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

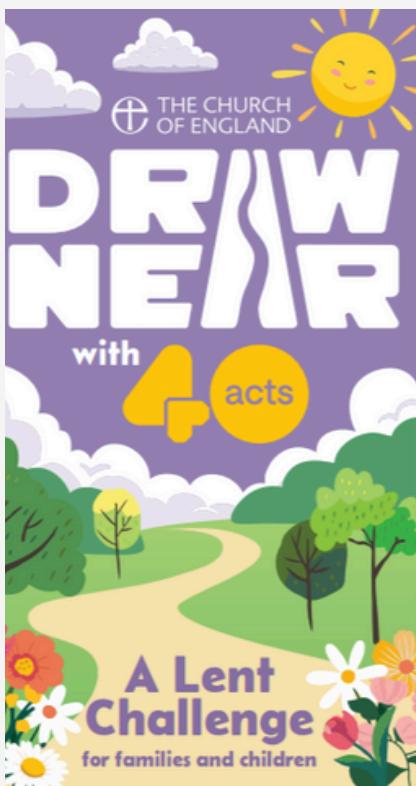
The “COME AND SEE” LENT COURSE will start on Monday evenings at 7.30pm from 16th February or Thursday afternoons at 2pm from 19<sup>th</sup> February.

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)