

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Mothering Sunday

The roots of Mothers Day in the UK stretch back to the Middle Ages. The tradition began on the fourth Sunday of Lent, known as 'Mothering Sunday'. On this day, people particularly children who had left home for employment were given time away from work to return to their hometowns, to visit their "mother church," and reunite with family.

Mothering Sunday however, brings mixed emotions. For some it is a joyful celebration of family life; for others it carries pain for a variety of reasons!

Whatever, our experience, our faith in Christ invites us to bring all these experiences—joy and sorrow alike—before God, trusting that

God meets us in every part of our story.

Mothering Sunday might also offer us an opportunity to reflect on the examples of motherhood we see in the Bible. Jesus offers the image of himself as a mother hen longing to gather her chicks safely under her wing (Matthew 23.37 and Luke 13.34).

However we approach Mothering Sunday this year, may we know the comforting embrace of God, the mother and father of us all, who loves us unreservedly.

Rev. Patrick Samuels

From the Bishops

Across our world prayers will be offered daily for lasting peace in the Middle East for all those affected by war and those with decision making power.

Archbishop Hossan of Jerusalem urges the Church throughout the world to offer prayers for peace, to be a source of consolation in time of war and to be bridge builders in our own communities.

If you are unsure what to pray perhaps you can pray the prayer written below by Bishop Guli of Chelmsford who originates from Iran and join her as we pray for peace:

*Ever-loving God,
who hears us in our anguish and distress,
and longs for us to be free.*

We pray for the people of Iran and the wider Middle East,

at this time of fear and uncertainty.

*Be near to those who are anxious;
bring comfort to all who are suffering.*

*Guide those with the power to make decisions,
and lead them in the ways of wisdom,
compassion and moderation:*

*that people of goodwill would seek harmony
and reconciliation.*

*Join us with our Christian brothers and sisters
in all places,*

*in praying for peace with justice,
through him who is the prince of peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

SUNDAY SERVICES @ CHWCHURCHES

15th March 2026 (Mothering Sunday)

Readings: Exodus 2:1-10, Colossians 3:12-17, Psalm 127:1-4, Gospel: John 19:25b - 27

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



22nd March 2026 (5th Sunday of Lent)

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; Psalm 130; John 11:1-45

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK

11.00 a.m. Joint 4th Sunday Communion Service

NO MORNING SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S & ST. MICHAEL'S

Upcoming COMBINED services of 2026 for your diaries:

29th March St. Andrew's 11.00am (Palm Sunday)

2nd April St. Andrew's
(Maundy Thursday meal 6.00pm and service 7.00pm)

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

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CHURCH NEWS

Welcome James To Our Church Family



On 1st March we held the Baptism service for **James Arthur Busby Horncastle** at St. Andrew's. What a delight to have the church full of children and families. The service was led by Rev Patrick who seems to have a natural way with babies!



“Thank you for such a wonderful service and for making us all feel so welcome.”

PRAYER

Come Together To Pray

WEEKLY IN EACH CHURCH

FOR APPROX. 20 MINS

Monday St. Michael's Horton 9:10 a.m.

Tuesday St. Thomas' Colnbrook 9:10 a.m.

Wednesday St. Andrew's Wraysbury 9:10 a.m

(TERM TIME ONLY)

MONTHLY COMBINED PRAYER

First Tuesday of every month

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

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

2nd June 2026 7.30 p.m. St. Michael's

Rotating to Wraysbury, Colnbrook, Horton

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

- Open Doors, serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide
- Learning 4 Life Foundation, The Kitchen, Zanzibar
- Wraysbury and Horton Voluntary Care
- Alexander Devine Children's Hospice
- Canaan Ministries and Bookshop in Staines



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

DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

Saturday 14th March

10.00 Church & Annexe Cleaning at St. Andrew's

Monday 16th March

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Michael's

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

19.30 "Come & See" Lent Course in St. Andrew's Annexe

Tuesday 17th March

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Thomas'

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

Wednesday 18th March

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

Thursday 19th March

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

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THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

April - June 2026

PASTORAL CARE COURSE

Online and Onsite Learning

Run by the Diocese of Oxford Learning Hub

All Christians care for others, but some discover a particular gift or ministry in this area. This course is for people already involved in pastoral care or those wanting to discover more about this ministry.

Bookings close Friday 27th March

For more info and to sign up,
click here:



Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August

HOLIDAY AT HOME

A fun week for the older members
of the community

CAN YOU HELP?

For one off events or a few
days - up to you

Phone Patrick 07349 037437

