

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### REFLECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of a profound human drama, one that draws us into its unfolding events each year. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, his arrival is met with exuberance, hope and the waving of palms, echoing ancient traditions of celebrating victorious heroes. The people's cries of "*Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*" resound, yet beneath this jubilation lies the swift change of heart that will soon define the week. Those who now celebrate will later call for his crucifixion, and even his closest friends will falter, betray and abandon him, leaving Jesus to face his fate alone.

This narrative is not merely a historical account; it is our story too. Each Holy Week invites us to engage more deeply, not only in its rituals and tradition, but in reflection and self-examination. We must ask ourselves: Where do I stand in this drama? Am I among the crowd cheering, or among those who turn away? Have I betrayed or denied others, as Judas and Peter did? When have I stood in judgement, or offered compassion like Simon or Veronica?

As we journey through the prayers and rituals of this sacred week, it is easy to become lost in the details and forget the true meaning of what we participate in. Holy Week challenges us to consider what kind of followers of Christ we choose to be and asks us to walk with faith and hope into the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. May we find strength and companionship in Jesus as we reflect and celebrate together.

*Rev. Patrick Samuels*

### PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

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

GLUTEN FREE? If you require a gluten free wafer for communion please let the sides people know when you arrive and inform the priest when you get to the altar rail.

**29th March 2026 (Palm Sunday)**

**ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY**

**10.45 a.m. Joint 5th Sunday Communion Service**  
(please note earlier time for procession in St. Andrew's Close)

Service to be led by Revd Patrick Samuels

Readings: Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11

**NO MORNING SERVICES AT ST. THOMAS' & ST. MICHAEL'S**



**5th April 2026 (Easter Day)**



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

**ST. ANDREW' WRAYSBURY**  
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

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

**Upcoming COMBINED service for your diaries:**

**26th April St. Michael's**

**11.00 a.m. Parish Communion**

**IF YOU NEED TRANSPORT FOR ANY OF THE COMBINED SERVICES  
PLEASE EMAIL SUE ON [office@CHWChurches.org](mailto:office@CHWChurches.org) OR PHONE 07543 539569**

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# CHURCH NEWS

## An Inspirational Joint Service



Last Sunday we were blessed to have Revd Canon Chris Bull lead our joint communion service at St. Thomas' Church, Colnbrook



A warm welcome from our Connect Youth Club members, Heather's thought provoking sermon and Paula's lively music - even "Marmite" our furry friend was engrossed

Chris led us in Parish Communion with an emphasis on reflection of our own failings but Heather's sermon also reminded us that Jesus had all the same human emotions as us. Her starting point was John 11 v35 "Jesus wept."

## PRAYER

### Come Together To Pray

#### MONTHLY COMBINED PRAYER

First Tuesday of every month

Next meeting:

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

#### OUR MISSION PARTNERS

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



#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Paul Friar, Annie, Mark Blackman, Greg Scott, Judy Osborne, Olga Cheeseman, Bea Tucker, Sue Wynne-Davies, Roy Talbot, Kelly Hughes, Sue Waller, Margaret Lenton, Pauline Blackman, George Blackman, Alison, Joan Poole, Jilly and her family, Louise Swanston, Carole, Peter and Shirley Lane, Matt.

# DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

NO MORNING PRAYERS, CONNECT YOUTH GROUP OR LITTLE LAMBS  
DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (30th MARCH TO 10th APRIL)

## Saturday 28th March

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

10.00 Stitch in Champney Hall,

13.00 Crafty Church in Champney Hall

CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT

## Monday 30th March

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

## Tuesday 31st March

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

## Wednesday 1st April

19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's

## Thursday 2nd April – Maundy Thursday

18.00 Joint Maundy Thursday Meal & Service at St. Andrew's

## Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

09.30 Reflections Service at St. Michael's

10.00 Reflections Service at St. Thomas'

10.30 Walk of Witness around Wraysbury

## Saturday 4th April

09.30 Decorating St. Andrew's for Easter

11.00 Blessing of the Baskets at St. Thomas'

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# THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

**Maundy Thursday 2nd April**

**St. Andrew's Church**

**Meal 6.00pm (Annexe)**

**Service 7.00pm**

**Everyone Welcome**

**We just need to know if you have any dietary requirements or allergies.**

Sign up in church or email [Sheila.samuels@CHWChurches.org](mailto:Sheila.samuels@CHWChurches.org) or phone 07901 170503



**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

