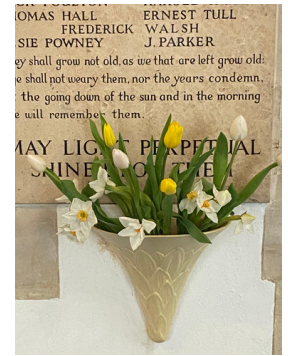


WEEKLY REFLECTION



OVERCOMING OUR DEFICIENCIES
'This is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.'
1 John 5:4 NKJV



A pastor encourages us: 'Psychoanalyst Alfred Adler conducted a fascinating research project that popularised the theory of compensation. He studied art students and discovered that seventy per cent of them suffered from optical anomalies. He found degenerative traces in the ears of great composers like Mozart and Beethoven. And he cited numerous examples of other people who eventually became successful in the area of their greatest weakness. Adler believed that birth defects, poverty, illness and negative circumstances often prove to be the spring-board for success ... God wants to recycle your adversity and turn it into a ministry. People go through a painful divorce or the death of a child or a destructive addiction, but God helps them climb out of the pit so they can help others in similar circumstances. One of the most paralyzing mistakes we make is thinking that our problems somehow disqualify us from being used by God. ... No one rolls out the red carpet and invites tragedy into their life, but our greatest gifts and passions are often the by-product of our worst tragedies and failures. Trials have a way of helping us rediscover our purpose in life.' The problems God has brought you through become a platform upon which you can stand and minister to others.

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God' (2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV).

Pray God will recycle our adversities into ministries.

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.

19th April 2026 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

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. All Age Service, followed by APCM

26th April 2026 (4th Sunday of Easter)

ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON

11.00 a.m. Joint 4th Sunday Service

NO MORNING SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY OR ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK

Next upcoming COMBINED service for your diaries:

24th May St. Thomas'
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

**IF YOU NEED TRANSPORT FOR THESE SERVICES PLEASE EMAIL SUE ON office@CHWChurches.org OR
PHONE 07543 539569**

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 ON 01784 391417 EMAIL: SAFEGUARDING@CHWCHURCHES.ORG ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN CONTACT THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING TEAM, 01865 208295 EMAIL: SAFEGUARDINGREFERRALS@OXFORD.ANGLICAN.ORG OR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES TEAM ON 01628 683150.

CHURCH NEWS

Easter was another joyous celebration, with each church worshipping in slightly different ways.

Maundy Thursday was observed at St. Andrew's with a fellowship meal, followed by communion and washing of the feet.

Moving reflection services took place on Good Friday at St. Thomas' and St. Michael's, while a Walk of Witness through Wraysbury was an opportunity to witness to the local community and share the meaning of Easter via hot cross buns.

On Easter Saturday St. Thomas' held its Blessing of the Baskets service for the Polish community, over 70 people bringing baskets. This Polish tradition started in the 12th century and each food in the basket has a special meaning.

On Easter Day, the churches were scrubbed, brasses polished and once again alive with beautiful flower displays that had been absent during Lent. Services were joyous, involving many new people and of course, chocolate eggs....what a celebration!



He is Risen!

“BRASS AND SILVER CLEANING WITH THANKS TO OUR SMALLEST HELPER HENRY”



Blessing of the Baskets *Ingredients*



- Maslo / Butter to remind us of the goodness of Christ
- Chleb / Bread: symbolic of Jesus, the Bread of Life.
- Chrzan / Horseradish : Symbolic of the Passion of Christ but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection.
- Jajka & Pisanki/Eggs and Easter Eggs: Symbol of life and rebirth.
- Kielbasa / Sausage: A spicy pork sausage, indicative of God's favour and generosity.
- Szynka / Ham: Symbolic of great joy and abundance.
- Slonina / Smoked Bacon: A symbol of God's mercy and generosity.
- Sol / Salt: A necessary element in our life, Jesus:: "You are the salt of the earth."
- Ser / Cheese: Shaped, it is the symbol of the moderation Christians should have.
- Holy Water: Holy water to bless the home and used in religious rituals
- A candle, to represent Christ, Light of the World.
- A colourful ribbon and a cloth cover

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
- Wraysbury 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

Monday 20th April

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Michael's

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

Tuesday 21st April

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Thomas'

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

Wednesday 22nd April

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

Friday 24th April

12.00 Funeral and Burial at St. Andrew's

Saturday 25th April

09.00 Men's Breakfast in St Andrew's

10.00 Stitch in Champney Hall, Horton

13.00 Crafty Church in Champney Hall

Sunday 26th April

18.30 Spring Concert in St Andrew's

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THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The APCMs (the yearly gathering where church members review parish activities, finances, and elect representatives to the Parochial Church Council) are coming soon in our churches:

St. Thomas', Colnbrook: 19th April 12 noon

St. Michael's, Horton: 3rd May 10.30 am

St. Andrew's, Wraysbury: 10th May 12 noon



If you wish to be included in the Church Electoral Roll, please contact your PCC secretary as soon as possible - see the noticeboards for deadlines.

Also if you feel called to step up to one of the roles in our churches, please contact Patrick who will advise you.

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



THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR



**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
WRAYSBURY**



SPRING CONCERT

SUNDAY 26 APRIL

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

*Join us for an uplifting evening
filled with music and song*

TICKETS £15

**PROCEEDS FOR THE UPKEEP OF OUR CHURCH
WELCOME DRINK, TEA OR COFFEE**



Tickets available:

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st-andrews-church-wraysbury](https://www.ticketsource.com/st-andrews-church-wraysbury)



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