

WEEKLY REFLECTION

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today marks Good Shepherd Sunday, a significant moment in the Easter season when our readings remind us of Jesus's loving guidance, protection, and care for His people. The image of the shepherd is cherished throughout the Scriptures, symbolising not only comfort but also a deep sense of belonging and affection between God and His people. This Sunday's passages highlight how the earliest followers of Christ listened to Peter, renounced their sins, and received baptism, growing in faith and numbers. The psalm beautifully portrays God as our shepherd, leading us to tranquil waters and safe pastures, offering hope and reassurance to all who place their trust in Him.

The Gospel further illustrates Jesus as the gate for the sheep, the entryway to true life, joy, and shelter. We are called to attune our hearts to His voice, follow where He leads, and embrace the abundant life He offers. Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, knows each of us intimately, calling us by name, and inviting us to rely on His care. The central themes of guidance, protection, and discipleship resonate throughout, encouraging us to listen, follow, and actively live out our faith. As we step into the week ahead, may we pause to hear the Shepherd's call, trusting Him to lead us through chaos towards a life filled with purpose, community, and grace.

**“THE LORD IS
MY SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT
WANT”**

PSALM 23



Rev. Patrick Samuels

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.

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

3rd May 2026 (5th Sunday of Easter)

ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON

**9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, followed by APCM
Revd Cassa Messervy, Archdeacon of Buckingham**

ST. ANDREW' WRAYSBURY

10.30 a.m. Refreshments; 11.00 a.m. Contemporary Service

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK

11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

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

Earlier this month, eight candidates from across the West Downland Benefice gathered as Bishop Mary, Bishop of Reading, presided over confirmations, baptisms and the renewal of baptism vows. She joyfully (and bravely) waded into the cold waters of the River Lambourn river alongside them. Outdoor baptisms have a long Christian tradition, echoing the practice of the early Church, and offer a vivid reminder of new life and commitment. It's never too late (and the water's never too cold) for you to explore baptism and confirmation for yourself. The Bishop of Dorchester led a confirmation service for a 93-year-old Oxfordshire care home resident. Surrounded by family, friends, fellow residents and members of the local church community, former RAF officer Dennis Minns was confirmed by Bishop Gavin at Sanctuary Care's Watlington & District Residential and Nursing.

JOY IN THE COLD! NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE



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Bishop Mary

Thank you to Sue Britton

After over a year of dedicated service, our Parish Administrator, Sue Britton, is stepping down from her role on 22nd May for personal reasons. We are incredibly grateful for Sue's hard work, kindness, and the seamless way she managed our parish office. Sue will continue to worship with us at St Andrew's and we wish Sue the very best for the future.



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

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

- 14.00 Scouts' St. Georges Day Parade at St. Thomas
- 18.30 Spring Concert in St Andrew's

Monday 27th April

- 09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Michael's
- 10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

Tuesday 28th April

- 09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Thomas'
- 14.00 St. Andrew's Cafe in St. Andrew's Annexe

Wednesday 29th 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

Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday)

- 10.00 Walkers Coffee Stop Cafe in St. Andrew's Annexe

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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. 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



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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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**St. Andrew's Church
Annexe, Wraysbury**



Walker's Coffee Stop



POP IN FOR A FREE
COFFEE or TEA

Whether you're on your way to
Ankerwyke or just out for a stroll,
St. Andrew's Church **COFFEE STOP**
is open to welcome you

Furry Friends Welcome

- Everyone Welcome
- Free Refreshments
- Dog Bowls and Treats
- 10 - 12 am

**BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY MAY 4th**



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