

**WEEKLY REFLECTION**

**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!**

Everything is growing!! The extended daylight, extra hours of warmth and gentle breezes (just go with it.... we live in hope!!!) all contribute to active spring life. As I write this I see the tips of the trees gradually becoming greener, despite the clouds blocking out the sun!

After the narrow darkness of the tomb comes the unimaginable breadth of resurrection life. The risen Christ is no longer confined by locked doors, by fear, by the limits of what seemed impossible on Good Friday.

As we celebrate the resurrection, may the Spirit continue to bless us, like Mary Magdalene, with ears to hear the voice of our Teacher, who is alive and calls us each by name. May we be given eyes to see the face of the Holy One, who like a loving gardener is never afraid to roll up his sleeves, and get his hands dirty to further the reign of God. May God help us to know in our hearts that “things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ of Lord.”

May God bless you all as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Patrick, Sheila & Family**

**JOY AND CELEBRATION OF  
MINISTRY**

The women were the first to visit Jesus' tomb after his crucifixion. They thought they were going to perform the customary rituals and didn't expect to find an empty grave and a Risen Lord. Their grief was turned into joy and celebration. Today we continue to mark the impact of women in ministry as we pray for the first ever female Archbishop Sarah Mullaly and Polly Falconer as she has been appointed Diversity Adviser to the Diocese of Oxford.

We are all called to play our part and witness to Christ's love in faith and action. As the newly appointed Archbishop said,

*“Our world today needs the love, healing, and hope that we find in Jesus Christ. I continue to pray that we renew our confidence in this good news, and recommit ourselves to sharing the joy of the gospel.”*

Whoever we are, may this be our prayer too.

**Rev. Sheila 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.

## 5th April 2026 (Easter Day)



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

**ST. ANDREW' WRAYSBURY**  
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion  
**No Coffee After the Service**

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

## 12th April 2026 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

**ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON**  
9.30 a.m. All Age Service

**ST. ANDREW' WRAYSBURY**  
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion  
**Polly Falconer, Diversity Adviser to the Diocese**

**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 THESE SERVICES PLEASE EMAIL SUE ON [office@CHWChurches.org](mailto: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](mailto:SAFEGUARDING@CHWCHURCHES.ORG) ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN CONTACT THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING TEAM, 01865 208295 EMAIL: [SAFEGUARDINGREFERRALS@OXFORD.ANGLICAN.ORG](mailto:SAFEGUARDINGREFERRALS@OXFORD.ANGLICAN.ORG) OR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES TEAM ON 01628 683150.

# CHURCH NEWS

Palm Sunday's Service was a joyous celebration, kick started with us processing into Church with palm crosses, a choir and of course the donkeys. Thanks to Emily and her family for bringing them along.

From where we stood to lead the service and to preach, it struck us how beautiful it was to see the united Benefice, old and young, new and established worshipping together. Friends from all three Churches standing together to praise God and share fellowship after the service.

We look forward to joining you all again at the next combined service on the 26th April at St Michael's Church, where we once again demonstrate the unity Christ has called us to. In the meantime a Blessed Easter to you all from Patrick and Sheila

## Palms and Donkeys



"THAT'S THE BIGGEST PALM SUNDAY CONGREGATION I'VE SEEN IN 20 YEARS"



## 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 4th April

09.30 Decorating St. Andrew's for Easter

11.00 Blessing of the Baskets at St. Thomas' Colnbrook

12.00 Easter Egg Hunt at St. Thomas' Colnbrook

## Monday 6th April – Bank Holiday

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

10.00 Walking and Dog Stop Cafe St. Andrew's

## Tuesday 7th April

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

## Wednesday 8th April

19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's

## Saturday 11th April

10.00 Church and Annexe Cleaning at 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.

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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

