

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Everybody needs encouragement. None of us achieves anything without help. The great achievers in history became all that they were because of the people in their lives. We've read or seen the films 'The Chronicles of Narnia' and 'The Lord of the Rings', but did you know that their authors, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, were professors at Oxford University and maintained a close friendship? Every week they'd meet to eat, talk about their fiction-writing endeavours and read passages of their yet unpublished works. It was Tolkien who encouraged Lewis, an avowed atheist, to explore Christianity, ultimately leading to his conversion and writing great Christian books "Mere Christianity" and "the Screwtape Letters" plus many more. And it was Lewis who encouraged Tolkien to continue writing fiction and to seek publication. Were it not for their friendship and mutual encouragement, the world wouldn't have received the finest writing in apologetics of the twentieth century, nor one of the finest fantasy works ever written. Everyone, young and old, successful and less-than-successful, famous and unknown who receives encouragement is changed by it. Mark Twain said, **"One compliment can keep me going for a whole month."** A word of encouragement from a teacher can change a child's life; a word of encouragement from a spouse can strengthen or even save a marriage; a word of encouragement from a leader can inspire a person to reach his or her potential. Zig Ziglar says, **"You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life."** The Bible says, **'Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones'** (Proverbs 16:24 NKJV).

**Pray: that we will all notice people when they are working hard or struggling and give them encouragement.**

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HEALTH TO THE BONES.’**

PROVERBS 16:24 NKJV



# 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.

## 17th May 2026 (7th Sunday of Easter)

**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

## 24th May 2026 (Pentecost)

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

**The Revd Canon Chris Bull Associate Archdeacon - Buckingham**

**ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON & ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY**  
No services - please join us at St Thomas'

## Next upcoming COMBINED service for your diaries:

**31st May St. Andrews', Trinity Sunday**

**11.00 a.m. Parish Communion**  
**Guest: Brian Scully - Open Doors**



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

## “SAY ONE FOR ME” PRAYER WALK HORTON

RAISING AWARENESS OF ST. MICHAEL'S  
IN THE COMMUNITY

We are launching a monthly Prayer Walk in Horton asking  
“IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN PRAY FOR YOU?”

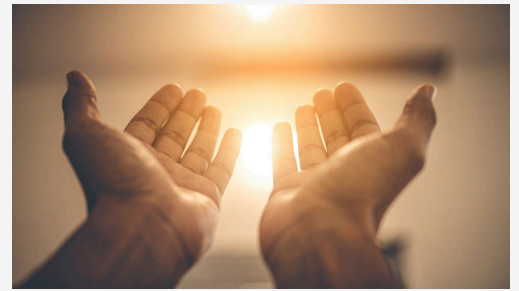
CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers needed

Two hours a month to meet and offer a prayer for our Horton neighbours

Drop Revd Sheila a message if you would like to join us

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## DEANERY NEWS

### DEANERY CONFIRMATIONS

The next Deanery Confirmation dates have  
been set for 21<sup>st</sup> June and 25<sup>th</sup> October.

If confirmation is something you are  
considering, please get in touch to discuss  
next steps and preparation

## COLLECTION FOR OPEN DOORS

Next Sunday's combined service will have a guest speaker,  
Brian Scully from OpenDoors - and the collection in the  
service at St Andrew's will be donated to them. Cash and  
card payments will be available



## PRAYER

### Come Together To Pray

### MONTHLY COMBINED PRAYER

First Tuesday of every month

Next meeting:

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

### 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 16th May

14.00 Bell Ringing at St Michael's

## Monday 18th May

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Michael's

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

## Tuesday 19th May

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Thomas'

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

## Wednesday 20th May

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

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