

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### OVERCOME PAIN AND SUFFERING

A pastor writes: 'All of us want every day to be a good day. But if every day was a good day, there would be NO "good" days, because there wouldn't be any bad days to compare the good days to ... Sickness helps us appreciate health. Failure helps us appreciate success. Debt helps us appreciate wealth. And the tough times help us appreciate the good times ... Adversity is often the seedbed of opportunity [because it has] a way of bringing the best out of us... Adversity is often a blessing in disguise. We dream of zero gravity. We imagine what life would be like without any problems or issues or challenges. But from a biological perspective, zero gravity is hazardous to your health. Astronauts who spend any length of time in zero gravity experience serious medical complications. Without any resistance, they lose muscle mass and bone density, they experience high pulse rates and heart palpitations, and they can barely walk after re-entering the earth's atmosphere. We may dream of zero gravity, but what we really need is a healthy dose of adversity. The people God uses the most are often the people who have experienced the most adversity. This isn't necessarily what you want to read, but it's true. Adversity can produce an increased capacity to serve God.' Why? Because adversity causes us to turn to God, lean on God, seek God, and get to know God in a way we otherwise wouldn't. Some of God's greatest promises in Scripture begin with the words 'to him who overcomes'.

The Bible says, '**People who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits**'

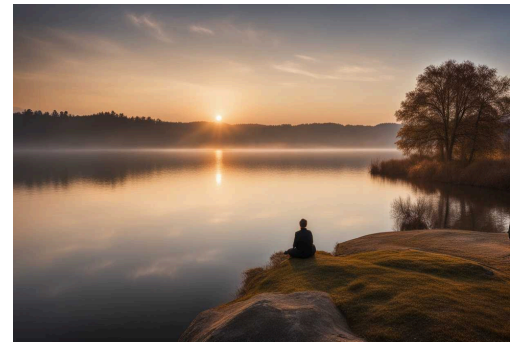
(Daniel 11:32 NKJV).

Pray for God's strength in difficult times then use your experience to help others.

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**"HE WHO  
OVERCOMES  
SHALL INHERIT  
ALL THINGS"**

REVELATION 21:7 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.

## 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

## 10th May 2026 (6th Sunday of Easter)

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

**ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY**  
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion, followed by APCM

**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](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.

## RIP BISHOP RICHARD HARRIES NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE



We have received the sad news from the diocese of the death of Bishop Richard Harries, who was Bishop of Oxford from 1987 to 2006. Bishop Richard died after a short illness and a few weeks before his 90th birthday. We give thanks for Bishop Richard's life and witness.

## SPRING HAS ARRIVED!

ON SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL THE SPRING CONCERT WAS HELD IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

with the church bells pealing to welcome the guests on a beautiful spring evening, the floral displays in the church and beautiful music and song, what a glorious event!



Hosted by Revd Patrick, Joshua Davis on organ, Alex Hutton and "Vicky the Vicar" on piano, music from harpist Margaret, Terry Glead, John Dewhurst, Lily Clarke and our own David Gamble on vocals.



Many thanks to Revd Sheila and team in the kitchen, our dedicated bell ringers, Carolyn Humphries for her hours on floral decor and Tony Kimber on AV.

## 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 4th May – Bank Holiday

NO Morning Prayer at St. Michael's

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

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

## Tuesday 5th May

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Thomas'

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

19.30 Combined Prayers at St. Thomas' Colnbrook

## Wednesday 6th 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

## Saturday 9th May

10.00 Church & 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. 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

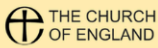
### CAN YOU HELP?

For one off events or a few days - up to you

Phone Patrick 07349 037437



# THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR



**CHW** CHURCHES

**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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