

WEEKLY REFLECTION

CITIZENS AND PILGRIMS

There is a story about an American tourist's visit to the home of a nineteenth-century Polish rabbi. The tourist was surprised to find it so sparsely and inexpensively furnished. The living area, a simple room lined with books, contained a table and a bench. When the tourist asked the rabbi, "Where's all your furniture?" he replied, "Where's yours?" The man asked, "What do you mean? I'm a visitor. I'm just passing through." "Me too!" replied the rabbi. Passing through aptly applies to each of us; we're creatures of time and children of eternity. In reality, Christians are citizens of heaven heading home via earth. *'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ'* (Philippians 3:20 NIV). Heaven is more than a destination or a doctrine. For the redeemed child of God, it should be a mindset; a way of thinking and living. Paul writes: *'Since ... you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For ... your life is now hidden with Christ in God'* (Colossians 3:1-3 NIV). Heaven is our North Star. Let its beauty capture your imagination, its values determine your behaviour, its endlessness redeem your brief life span, its joys alleviate your sorrows, and its almighty King own your lifelong worship! To those of us who live briefly on earth, heaven should be a life-transforming truth. We're not here to stay. We're pilgrims on a journey, with a glorious destiny to spend eternity in our Father's house (see John 14:2). We're heading to our forever home!

Pray: Guide me, thou great Redeemer; be the strength and shield for pilgrims through this barren land.

**'GOD ... HAS
PREPARED A
CITY FOR
THEM.'**

HEBREWS 11:16 NIV



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.

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

17th May 2026 (7th 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

Next upcoming COMBINED service for your diaries:

24th May St. Thomas', Pentecost Sunday

11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

The Revd Canon Chris Bull Associate Archdeacon - Buckingham

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

COFFEE, COMPANY AND CANINES!

ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, THE DOG STOP AND WALKERS CAFE WAS ONCE AGAIN BUSY.... we were blessed with good weather again and the cakes went down very well. Thank you Anne Munday for your hard work keeping the coffee flowing!

And Marion for sharing a beautiful painting of St. Andrew's by her husband John Beach, the famous miniaturist



As Bank Holidays seem to work so well, we've been asked to do the next one on Monday 25th May. So we'll do it then rather than in June, please adjust your calendars!

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
- 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

Saturday 9th May

10.00 Church & Annexe Cleaning at St. Andrew's

Monday 11th May

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Michael's

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

Tuesday 12th May

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Thomas'

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

18.00 Have Your Say Stall (PCSO visit) St. Thomas'

Wednesday 13th 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'~~ **cancelled this week**

19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's

Saturday 16th May

14.00 Bell Ringing at St. Michael's

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