

WEEKLY REFLECTION

The psalmist wrote, **'Your path led through... mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen'** (v. 19 NIV). When you can't see God's 'footprints', He is calling you to walk by faith, not by sight (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Joni Eareckson Tada recently wrote: 'A few months from now, I'll mark an anniversary that is a heart-breaking story of loss and an incomparable testimony of God's faithfulness ... I will have been in a wheelchair for 47 years... barely a heartbeat in history, and as nothing compared with eternity. But for a flesh-and-blood, earth-dwelling human being, 47 years is a long time. Anyone who suffers ... [wants] assurance that somehow, someday, things will work out in the end. We want to know that God is at the centre of our suffering. In Romans 8 we have... that assurance: **"For those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose"** (v. 28 ESV) [God] is so supremely in charge of the world that everything touching our lives ... is ordered in such a way that it serves our good. This is true whether we face cancer, broken relationships, job loss, bankruptcy ... or even a broken neck at age 17. The strong hope of the believer is not that we will escape "bad things" ... but that God will transform our hardships into an instrument of his mercy to do us good ... Romans 8:29 reveals [our] sufferings are small and short ... compared with the weight of glory they are accruing for [us] in heaven. So bear with heartbreak and hardship a bit longer. These things are expanding your soul's capacity for joy, worship, and service in heaven.'



**'YOUR FOOTPRINTS
WERE NOT SEEN'**

PSALM 77:19 NIV

Pray: For courage and perseverance through our hardships and give us hope for the glory yet to come.

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.

7th June 2026 (First Sunday after Trinity)

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

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY
11.00 a.m. Contemporary Service with Baptism

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

14th June 2026 (Second Sunday after Trinity)

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

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion Service

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

Next upcoming COMBINED service for your diaries:

28th June St. Michael's, Trinity Sunday

11.00 a.m. Parish Communion

IF YOU NEED TRANSPORT FOR THESE SERVICES PLEASE EMAIL FIONA 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

OPEN DOORS

COMBINED BENEFICE SERVICE

Brian Scully from Open Doors joined us last week at the Combined Benefice Service, which was attended by congregations from all three churches.

Brian's message about the plight of the persecuted Church was well received, and the congregation gave generously in support of the work of Open Doors, raising approximately £300.

Many who attended the service also signed a petition calling for Christians and other vulnerable people in Sub-Saharan Africa to be treated with dignity and respect.

We thanked Brian for his dedication to the ministry of Open Doors and look forward to welcoming him again in the future.



CHURCH NEWS

HOLIDAY AT HOME

JOIN THE TEAM

From 3rd to 7th August we are hosting Holiday at Home, a wonderful week of friendship, fun, laughter and community for older members of our parishes.

Everyone is welcome, whether or not they attend church, so please help us spread the word to friends, neighbours and family members who might enjoy taking part.

To make this special week a success we need a fantastic team of volunteers. At our recent planning meeting there was a real buzz of excitement about the activities, and we'd love you to be part of it.

You don't need to be available for the whole week - even a few hours of your time will make a real difference. We are looking for volunteers to help with:

- Serving lunches and refreshments
- Supporting craft activities
- Providing company for the guests
- Helping to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere

We're also looking for donations of:

- Homemade cakes and biscuits
- Magazines for the Relaxation Area
- Empty wine bottles for craft activities (thought this isn't an invitation to overindulge!)

Interested? Please contact Patrick to find out more. We'd love to hear from you!



CHURCH NEWS

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

BISHOP GAVIN REFLECTS ON HIS RECENT SABBATICAL

The Rt Revd Gavin Collins is reflecting on a recent sabbatical of prayer, travel and renewal as he prepares to step into his new role as Acting Lead Bishop in the Diocese of Oxford this month.

He began with a bishops' retreat at Canterbury Cathedral, before travelling to Peru and then heading on an extensive journey across South East Asia.

“It wasn't so much about learning something new as being reminded of the breadth of the Church; its poverty and its vibrancy. It was a gift simply to be part of congregations again without having a formal responsibility for the services, and to notice the importance of welcome and hospitality.”



MISSING THE NOTICES? SOME OF THE EMAIL NOTICES DIDN'T REACH EVERYONE LAST WEEK

If you missed out, please contact us at comms@CHWChurches.org and we'll make sure you're back on the list.

PRAYER

Come Together To Pray

MONTHLY COMBINED PRAYER

First Tuesday of every month

Taking a break for the summer - back in October

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 8th June

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

Tuesday 9th June

09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Thomas'
13.00 Burial of Ashes at St Michael's
14.00 St. Andrew's Cafe in St. Andrew's Annexe

Wednesday 10th June

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

Thursday 11th June

11.00 Burial of Ashes at St. Thomas'

Friday 12th June

14.00 Wedding at St. Michael's

Saturday 13th June

10.00 Church and Annexe cleaning at St. Andrew's

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