

# WEEKLY NOTICES

## WEEKLY REFLECTION



Lack of faith is not a failure of logic; it's a failure of imagination. Lack of faith is the inability or unwillingness to entertain thoughts of a God who is able to do **'immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us'** (v. 20 NIV). Did you get that? God wants to empower your imagination! A pastor writes: 'If we are going to have an eternal impact on our culture, we can't just criticise it or

copy it. We've got to create it. If we are going to reach our generation with the gospel, we can't just appeal to logic. We've got to capture their imagination. And C.S. Lewis is a great example of both. Can you think of anyone more left-brain logical than Lewis? His theological writings, from 'Mere Christianity' to 'The Problem of Pain', are as logical as logic can be. But Lewis combined left-brain logic with right-brain creativity. His 'Chronicles of Narnia' continue to capture the imagination of new generations. The church ought to be the most creative place on the planet. And there are certainly pockets of ingenuity and imagination, but we're nowhere near our creative potential.' Perhaps this is because we have a false definition of faithfulness.

Faithfulness is not doing it how it has always been done. It's not preserving the status quo. No, we must never water down the gospel or promote biblical compromise for cultural relevancy. Bottom line: our message must never change, but our methods must change if we are to gather in the final harvest before the Lord of the harvest returns.

**'NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE  
TO DO IMMEASURABLY  
MORE THAN ALL WE ASK  
OR IMAGINE.'**

EPHESIANS 3 20 NIV

**Pray: that God will help us imagine how our Churches can grow and then help us to do it.**

# 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 July 2026 (Fifth Sunday after Trinity)

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

**ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY**  
11.00 a.m. Contemporary Service  
10.30 a.m. Refreshments

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

## 12th July 2026 (Sixth 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:

26th July St. Thomas' Colnbrook  
11.00 a.m. Joint Parish Communion

IF YOU NEED TRANSPORT FOR THESE SERVICES PLEASE  
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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

## SPAM EMAILS

### PLEASE BE AWARE

We've been made aware that some fraudulent emails appearing to come from Revd Patrick are circulating. These emails are not from our church and should be ignored.

If you receive an email claiming to be from Patrick, please check the email addresses carefully. A genuine email will have both the 'From' and 'Reply-To' addresses as: vicar@chwchurches.org

If either address is different, the email is not genuine.

These scam emails often create a sense of urgency by asking for a favour and may eventually request money, gift cards or other financial assistance. Please do not reply, click on any links, or send any money.

If you're ever unsure whether an email is genuine, please contact the church office or Patrick directly before responding.



## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

**HELP UP SPREAD THE WORD!**  
If you're on Facebook, please follow, like and share the CHW Churches page.

We're using social media to keep our community up to date with everything that's happening across our churches, including **Holiday at Home**, services, events and community activities. Every like, share and comment helps us reach more people who might benefit from what we offer.

Thank you for helping us share the good news!

## 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
- Wraybury and Horton Voluntary Care
- Alexander Devine Children's Hospice
- Canaan Ministries and Bookshop in Staines

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Liz Thompson, 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.

## GYPSY, ROMA, TRAVELLER HISTORY MONTH

REVD PATRICK HELPED CELEBRATE  
The Diocese of Oxford marked Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month with events celebrating heritage, building understanding and strengthening relationships with local communities.

Centred around the theme Onward with Hope, the programme included a special service at Christ Church Cathedral, creating opportunities to celebrate Gypsy, Roma and Traveller culture while reflecting on the discrimination these communities continue to experience.



The cathedral service brought together local primary school children, including some from Traveller backgrounds, who played a central role in leading worship. Children sang songs about hope and togetherness, read Bible passages and led prayers, while clergy including Revd Patrick shared reflections on Jeremiah 29:11, 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 and Mark 12:30–31.

Their reflections spoke of God's promise of hope and a future for all, the call to love our neighbours by standing up for one another, and the beauty and importance of our diversity. It was particularly significant that, although living not far away, some parents of Traveller children attended the cathedral for the first time. Alongside the service, families had the opportunity to explore the cathedral, visit the shrine and reflect on the shared significance of pilgrimage within both cathedral life and Traveller traditions.



# DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

## Monday 6th July

- 09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Michael's
- 10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall
- 10.00-12.00 Walking and Dog Stop Cafe at St Andrew's Annexe

## Tuesday 7th July

- 09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Thomas'
- 14.00 St. Andrew's Cafe in St. Andrew's Annexe

## Wednesday 8th July

- 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 11th July

- 10.00 Church & Annexe Cleaning at St Andrew's

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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
- 10am - 12pm

# MONDAY JULY 6th



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