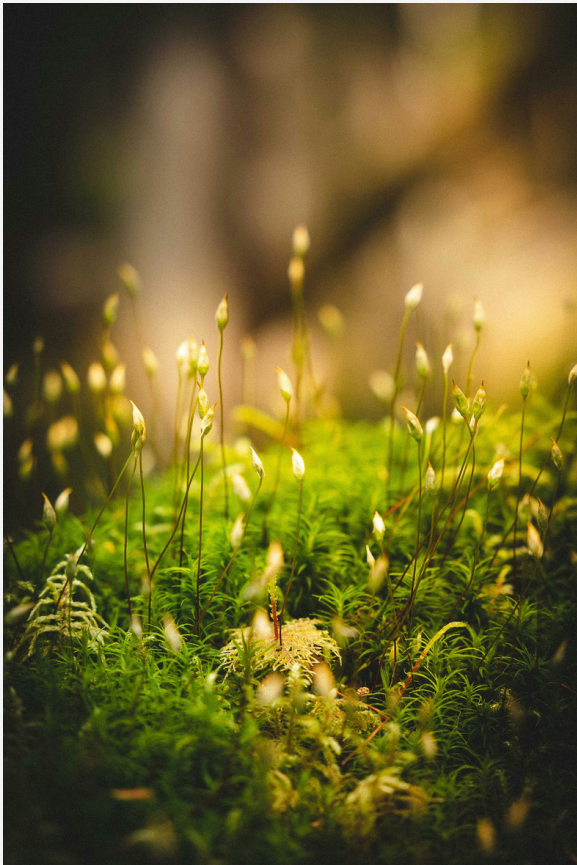


WEEKLY NOTICES

WEEKLY REFLECTION



Sadly, the word fellowship has come to be associated with awkward gatherings in church, participating in stilted conversations. No wonder people give up on it! Paul describes connecting as **‘being rooted and established in love’**. When a tree puts roots into the ground, it takes in nutrients and water, grows and has life, but only if it's rooted. In the same way, we're rooted, and our souls are nourished in the love of God, and other people. We experience this physically and emotionally when we connect with somebody. When there is an exchange of genuine caring, the roots of your soul get fed. We flourish when we're connected with God and people, and we languish when we're disconnected. Emotionally isolated people are more prone to depression, anxiety, loneliness, low self-esteem, substance abuse, sexual addiction, and difficulty eating and sleeping. One behavioural expert writes: ‘Connection not only helped make us who we are...

it helps determine who we become as individuals... In both cases, human connections, mental health, psychological health, and emotional well-being are inextricably linked.’ Even animals that are isolated feel the effects. One author writes, ‘A friend of mine used to have a dog and a cat [that] fought for ten years. Then the cat died...and the dog wouldn't eat. Six weeks later he died.’ That's a small illustration of the power of connection. This doesn't mean you have to force yourself to become an extrovert. Some of the shyest people have the deepest friendships because they identify life-giving relationships, plug into them, thrive, and give back. And that's what God designed you to do too.

Pray: for our Home Groups that as we study God's word we will connect with Him and each other.

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EPHESIANS 3-17 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.

23rd August 2026 (Twelfth Sunday after Trinity)

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

ST MICHAEL'S HORTON & ST THOMAS' COLNBROOK
No services - please join us at St Andrew's Wraysbury

30th August 2026 (Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity)

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

ST ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY & ST THOMAS' COLNBROOK
No services - please join us at St St Thomas' Colnbrook

Next upcoming COMBINED service for your diaries:

27th September St Michael's Horton
11.00 a.m. Joint 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

BEREAVEMENTS & BURIALS

DATES OF UPCOMING SERVICES

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died and hold their families and friends in our prayers. Details of upcoming services are below.

Dawn Tedder, died 31/05/2026

Burial of Ashes at St Thomas' Church,
Colnbrook - 25/09/2026

June Margaret Lucas, died 20/06/2026

Funeral at St Michael's Church, Horton -
03/09/2026

Frank Philip Rayner, died 04/04/2026

Burial of Ashes of Frank & **Ann Eileen Rayner**
at St Michael's Church, Horton - 17/09/2026

Patrick Keating, died 21/07/2026

Memorial Service and Burial of Ashes at St
Andrew's Church, Wraysbury - date TBC

TABLE TOP SALE

ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Saturday 5th September 10am - 1pm

£1 entry fee to include a hot or cold drink

£10 per table

For table bookings and further details please
contact: Lynne Harris 07535 635360 or Janet
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THE GRANGE GARDEN PARTY

BOTTLE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR 5TH SEPTEMBER

Donations of bottles of any size or type are
very welcome – drinks, sauces or anything else
in a bottle! Please bring donations to a Sunday
service or to the café at St Andrew's on
Tuesday afternoons.

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

Peter Furzer, Brenda Burdall, Leah, 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.

DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

Saturday 22nd August

13.00 Wedding at St. Andrew's

Monday 24th August

10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

Tuesday 25th August

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

Wednesday 26th August

13.00 Development Proposal for local area at St Thomas'
19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's

Saturday 29th August

10.00 Stitch in Champney Hall, Horton
13.00 Crafty Church in Champney Hall, Horton

Taking a summer break - back in September

Little Lambs Mums & Toddlers, Connect Youth Group
Morning Prayer at St Michael's, St Thomas' and St Andrew's

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