

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Two Years of God's Faithfulness

As I mark my second anniversary as Vicar of the CHW Churches, I look back with a deep sense of gratitude. Above all, else I thank God for calling me to serve Him and His people across our three churches.

Over these two years, I have been privileged to share in so many of life's most precious moments: the joy of baptisms and weddings, the welcome of new beginnings and, of course, the sadness and solemnity of funerals. To be invited into people's lives at such deeply personal moments is something I never take for granted.

Together, we have also achieved so much: community events, stronger links with our schools, wonderful Christmas and Easter celebrations, Remembrance services, our youth group, Lent groups and Holiday at Home, tabletop sale and of course, the joy of **Hymns & Pimms!** Each has provided opportunities to worship, grow, serve, build friendships and reach out beyond our church walls.

None of this happens through the efforts of one person. It happens because people pray, give, volunteer, encourage and work together. As Paul reminds us: "**I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.**" (1 Corinthians 3:6)

I give heartfelt thanks to my wonderful family for their love, prayers and support, and to everyone across our three churches for all that you do.

Through every celebration, challenge, tear and joyful occasion, God has been faithful. "**Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.**" (Psalm 127:1)

Thank you for the privilege of being your Vicar. May God continue to bless, guide and unite our three churches as we seek to serve Him together. It is a privilege I cherish deeply.

Rev. Patrick Samuels

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.

13th September 2026 (Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity) Education Sunday

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

20th September 2026 (Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity)

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

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

ST THOMAS' COLNBROOK
11.00 a.m. All Age Service

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

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME

HYMNS & PIMMS

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at St Andrew's. It was wonderful to see the church so full, with lots of familiar faces — and people joining us who were new to the church.

We sang some much-loved hymns, enjoyed a glass of Pimms, and had a lovely time together. There was such a warm and joyful atmosphere in the church, and we're so grateful to everyone who came along and helped make the evening such a success.

Thank you to everyone who suggested hymns, joined in with the singing, helped with the refreshments and made our evening so special. We hope to see you again soon!



CHURCH NEWS

TEARFUND COLLECTION FOR NEPAL

CONTRIBUTIONS BEING COLLECTED

A collection for the disaster in Nepal was started at Hymns & Pimms on Sunday, and is available to contribute to.

You can bring money along on Sunday to the services, or you can also pay online here (the QR code takes you straight to the site):

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QWBYTO8Q>



tearfund

Pray for Nepal after flash floods and mudslides

- Pray for those people affected, those grieving lost loved ones, those who are displaced, and those waiting for news of missing people.
- Pray for the rescue workers, first responders and local leaders as they try to reach the most vulnerable.
- Pray for wisdom and endurance for our staff and local partners as they seek to bring relief, hope and care to those most in need.



HARVEST CHW CHURCHES
Meal & Quiz

AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH, COLNBROOK

6PM SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

More details coming soon - save the date!

All are welcome

A fun evening for everyone!

Questions, laughter, great company - and maybe a prize or two!

office@chwchurches.org
07349 037 437
www.chwchurches.org

CHURCH NEWS

BUCKS RIDE & STRIDE

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Saturday 12th September 10am - 4pm

This annual sponsored event encourages people to walk, run or cycle between churches, raising money to help care for and maintain our historic church buildings. We're opening St Michael's Church to welcome anyone taking part, and will be offering refreshments and a warm welcome along the way. Do pop in to say hello!

SAVE THE DATE

ST THOMAS' CHURCH

MacMillan Coffee morning - 25th October at St Thomas' church

BEREAVEMENTS & BURIALS

NOTIFICATIONS

Paul Friar (used to live in Horton), died
08/09/2026, Funeral date - TBC



I am going to raise money
for my local church building

**12th
SEPT.
2026**

Ride+ Stride (and jog)...

Join the UK's biggest
fundraising day to keep
historic churches looking
beautiful, **including yours!**

**RIDE+STRIDE
for Churches**

Supported by the
National Churches Trust
Charity Number 189845

Contact:
E: rideandstride@bucks-historic-churches.org.uk
www.bucks-historic-churches.org.uk

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Charity number 206471



PRAYER

Come Together To Pray

MONTHLY COMBINED PRAYER

First Tuesday of every month

Taking a break for the summer - back on 6th 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

Jenny Gregg, David Gregg, 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 12th September

10.00 Church & Annexe
Cleaning at St. Andrew's
10.00 Church open for Bucks
Ride & Stride at St. Michael's

Monday 14th September

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

Tuesday 15th September

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

Wednesday 16th September

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 17th September

11.00 Burial of Ashes of Frank &
Ann Rayner at St. Michael's

Saturday 19th September

13.00 Breast Cancer
Fundraising Tea at St. Andrew's
(contact Lesley West for a £20
ticket)

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

Vicar: Rev. Patrick Samuels
Mobile 07349 037437
Vicar@CHWChurches.org

Admin: Fiona Norton
Mobile 07543 539 569
Office@CHWChurches.org
Digital: Cat Garner
Comms@CHWChurches.org

Community Cafe &
Contemporary Services
Tony Hermes
Tony.hermes@CHWChurches.org

Connect Youth Group & All Age Services
Rev. Sheila Samuels
Mobile 07901 170503
Sheila.samuels@CHWChurches.org

Safeguarding:
Heather Hermes
Safeguarding@CHWChurches.org

Little Lambs:
Becky Webb
LittleLambs@CHWChurches.org