

WEEKLY REFLECTION

HEALING WHEN YOU'VE BEEN HURT

'HE HEALS THE BROKEN-HEARTED AND BINDS UP THEIR WOUNDS.'
PSALM 147-3 NKJV

There are times when we all experience rejection, betrayal and disappointment. But if we hold on to those experiences, we can remain in a state of perpetual hurt. Indeed, when we refuse to forgive and move on, we place a weapon into Satan's hands that he will use against us at every opportunity. It's not what has happened to us, but how we respond that matters. If we allow the hurt to gain control of our thoughts, it can undermine our emotional wellbeing. Jesus doesn't want us to go through life carrying old wounds; He wants to heal us. This is why He gave us the precious promises in His Word. Regardless of how badly we've been hurt, God always has our complete restoration in mind. '**"For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds," says the LORD**' (Jeremiah 30:17 NKJV) If you have spent years wrestling with unresolved hurt, God has provided a way out. '**He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.**' When He was on earth, Jesus was constantly healing people's pain and comforting them in their sorrow. And when He left earth, He didn't leave us high and dry. He sent the eternal source of comfort to live inside of each of us - the Holy Spirit, who is our comforter, helper, and friend (see John 14:16). The hurts you've experienced are real, but God doesn't want them to be your greatest reality. His Spirit is always with you and will never leave you (see Hebrews 13:5).



And you can draw from His strength through every painful circumstance and find healing when you've been hurt.

Pray: that if you have experienced rejection, betrayal or disappointment, God will give you release from your pain.

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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.

15th November 2026 (Second Sunday before Advent)

ST MICHAEL'S HORTON
09.30 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

22nd November 2026 (Christ the King)

ST MICHAEL'S HORTON
11.00 a.m. Joint Parish Communion Service
Celebrating Ian Harman's 50 years as organist

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

Next upcoming COMBINED service for your diaries:

29th November at St Andrew's Wraysbury
11.00 a.m. Joint Parish Communion

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday, our three churches came together with their local communities to remember and give thanks for those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict.

At St Michael's, St Andrew's and St Thomas', special Remembrance services were held, followed by acts of remembrance at the local war memorials. We were grateful to everyone who joined us, including those who took part in the parades and wreath-laying ceremonies.

As we remembered those who gave their lives in service of others, we also prayed for peace in our world today.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the services and ceremonies so meaningful, and to all who joined us in remembering.























CHURCHYARD REFRESH

A huge thank you to the team of volunteers who braved the cold to spend time tidying the churchyard at St Andrew's on Saturday.

There was plenty to do, but their hard work has already made a real difference, helping to keep the churchyard looking cared for and welcoming.

We're very grateful to everyone who gave their time and energy to tackle the job — thank you!

CHURCH NEWS

CAROL SINGERS WANTED

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

We're looking for volunteers to join our carol-singing visits in Colnbrook, Horton and Wraysbury this Christmas. You don't need to be a brilliant singer - just come along, enjoy singing some favourite Christmas carols and help bring a little festive joy to others.

We have confirmed our date for Colnbrook, meeting at:

St Thomas' Church - Wednesday 9th December - 7pm

Could you help with coordinating carols for Horton and / or Wraysbury?

For more information or to let us know you'd like to take part, please contact Cat Garner comms@chwchurches.org

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR SLOUGH HOMELESS

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO CHURCH

This Christmas, we are collecting warm socks, scarves and hats for men and women to give as Christmas presents to people supported by Slough Homeless.

If you would like to help, please bring along a new, good-quality item to church and help us share a little warmth and kindness this Christmas.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER I 6:30PM

Final call for tickets for the concert at St Andrew's Church! Enjoy a beautiful evening of music in the atmospheric surroundings of our church. Everyone is very welcome. Tickets are £15 - QR code link:

PRAYER

Come Together To Pray

MONTHLY COMBINED PRAYER

First Tuesday of every month

No meeting in December due to The Bible Course



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

Jenny Gregg, Danielle Readings, Angela Robertson, David Gregg, Peter Furzer, Leah, Annie, Mark Blackman, Greg Scott, Judy Osborne, Olga Cheeseman, Bea Tucker, Sue Wynne-Davies, Roy Talbot, Sue Waller, Margaret Lenton, George Blackman, Alison, Joan Poole, Louise Swanston, Peter and Shirley Lane.

DURING THE WEEK @ CHWCHURCHES

Saturday 14th November
10.00 St. Andrew's Church & Annexe cleaning
14.00 Crafternoon Tea at St. Thomas'

Sunday 15th November
18.30 Candlelight Concert at St. Andrew's

Monday 16th November
09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Michael's
10.00 Horton Community Coffee Morning at Champney Hall

Tuesday 17th November
09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Thomas'
13.30 St. Andrew's Cafe in St. Andrew's Annexe
19.30 The Bible Course at St. Michael's

Wednesday 18th November
09.10 Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's
10.00 Little Lambs Toddler Group in St. Andrew's Annexe
19.00 Connect Youth Group at St. Thomas'
19.30 Bell Ringing Practice at St. Andrew's

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WEDNESDAYS
(TERM TIME)
7:00 - 8:30pm

£1
TO ATTEND

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Christmas SERVICES

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus

Curious about Advent?
28th November – from 9:30am
St Thomas' Church

Christingle Service
20th December – 3pm
St Thomas' Church

Crib Service
24th December – 4pm
St Thomas' Church

Midnight Mass
24th December – 11:30pm
St Thomas' Church

Carol Service
13th December – 6pm
St Andrew's Church

Christingle Service
24th December – 5pm
St Michael's Church

Midnight Mass
24th December – 11:30pm
St Andrew's Church

Christmas Day Joint Service
25th December – 10am
St Andrew's Church



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