

ALWAYS BE OPEN-MINDED

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King Solomon is considered one of the wisest men who ever lived. He wrote three books in the Bible and is guoted regularly. And he was a lifetime learner and seeker of truth. 'When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and *received instruction.*' Note the words "] considered it well'. That should be your fixed attitude in life. God's plan for you is to keep learning, changing, growing, and maturing until you draw your last breath. And that means always being open-minded. Consider the Pharisees. They were 100 percent committed to their belief system. They were also the besteducated people in society. Yet they resisted Jesus and the truth He shared at every turn. Why? For three very common reasons:

1) **Pride**: 'If what Jesus says is right, that makes us wrong.'

2) **Security**: 'If we accept what He is teaching, what will happen to our reputation and our income?'

3) **Tradition**: 'We have believed and done things this way for generations.'

Can you see where we're going with this line of thought? And can you see how it may apply to your life? One pastor said, 'It's good to be saved and sanctified, as long as you are not saved, sanctified, and stuck!' Spiritual growth requires two things: a hunger for truth, and the humility to acknowledge that you still have more to learn. Those are two qualities that God always honours: '*The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way*' (Psalm 25:9 NKJV). So always be open-minded.

Pray for humility, the time to consider ideas and wisdom to go forward in the way God leads you.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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VACANCY FOR CAFÉ MANAGER

The Dove Café, based at St. Thomas, Holtspur (Beaconsfield), is looking for a new Café Manager to join our experienced team of staff and volunteers working in a friendly and unique environment.

This is a full-time post (40 hours per week) managing our team and ensuring the day-to-day efficient running of the business. The ideal candidate will be experienced in hospitality management, and will be able to foster a positive working environment which provides consistent, fast, efficient, safe and friendly service with high quality standards.

More information about the Dove Café, as well as a full job description and application form, can be found here: <u>https://thedove.cafe/recruitment</u>

St. Andrew's Church, Wraysbury The Annexe



This room, attached to the Church, is for hire. Suitable for: Children's Parties, celebrations, Club Events, Society Meetings Business Meetings etc.

It is a good size, usable for events with up to 40 attendees. Tables and chairs are available. There is a well-equipped kitchen for preparing or serving food. Disabled/baby change toilet available. Small lawn area outside for use during good weather. Large Car Park.

Enquiries to: 07399 673374 bookingannex@CHWChurches.org

SLOUGH HOMELESS OUR CONCERN (SHOC)

St. Andrew's are supporting SHOC and they need non-perishable food which can be brought to church on Sundays, Tuesday afternoons when the café is open, or left in the church porch.

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER AT

ST. THOMAS' COLNBROOK,

ST. MICHAEL'S HORTON

ST. ANDREW'S WRAYSBURY

(term time only) for about 20 mins. based on the pattern below

Mondays St. Michael's Horton 9:10 a.m. Tuesdays St. Thomas' Colnbrook 9:10 a.m. Wednesdays St. Andrew's Wraysbury 9:10 a.m.

MONTHLY COMBINED PRAYER

First Tuesday of every month,

2nd September 2025 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas'

7th October 2025 7:30 p.m. St. Michael's

4th November 2025 7:30 p.m. St. Andrew's

LITTLE LAMBS MUMS & TODDLERS GROUP



Meets every Wednesday (during term time) 10.00 – 11.45 a.m. In St. Andrew's Church Annexe Everyone welcome £2.00 per family

Email: littlelambs@CHWChurches.org

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