

This week's services



Sunday 17th November

9.00am, Holy Communion, BCP, Leafield
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Finstock
6.00pm, Evensong, Ramsden

Sunday 24th November

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Finstock
Benefice Service

Notices:

Wed 20th Nov 7.00pm	Finstock PCC meeting	At the home of Kirsten Ireland
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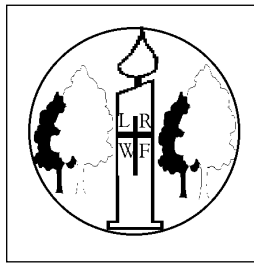
Born in November 1821, Dostoyevsky became one of Russia's finest writers. His book called 'The Brothers Karamazov' is considered to be one of the world's greatest pieces of literature. The book is a murder mystery which sets the scene for the struggle of good and evil. In that novel, a character speaks to a woman who has committed a serious crime and is about to die: "No-one can commit a sin so great as to exhaust the infinite love of God. Can there be a sin which could exceed the love of God? Believe that God loves you as you cannot conceive, that he loves you with your sin and in your sin. All things are atoned for, all things are saved by love. If I, a sinner, even as you are, am tender with you and have pity on you, how much more will God."

**Loving Lord,
you tell us in the Bible
that whatever wrong we have done
you tread down our faults
to the bottom of the sea.
We know there is no need
to keep thinking about what we have done in the past
because you pardon the wrongs we have done,
and you delight in showing mercy.
You bind up all our wounds
and you renew us by your love.
Lord,
you love all that you have made,
and it is your very nature to love and forgive.
Lead us to be generous
in accepting and forgiving others
in the same way you accept and forgive us.
*Amen***

***If we as a Church can help in any way,
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PEW SHEET

*2nd Sunday before
Advent
17th November 2019*

***Please take this pew sheet with
you when you leave***

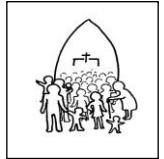


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in all our churches
(with the exception of St Peter's, Wilcote)

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The Collect



Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Malachi 4: 1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread

without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Reading
Luke 21: 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Matthew 7: 1-12</i>
Tuesday	<i>Matthew 7: 13-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>Matthew 8: 1-13</i>
Thursday	<i>Matthew 8: 14-22</i>
Friday	<i>Matthew 8: 23-end</i>
Saturday	<i>Matthew 9: 1-17</i>

Please pray for the following throughout the week

- Monday** *Those who are sick or grieving within our community.*
- Tuesday** *Those who are suffering in this country and around the world.*
- Wednesday** *The Queen and other leaders in this country.*
- Thursday** *For the troubled areas around the world, we pray for peace and justice.*
- Friday** *For the ministry of the Forest Edge Benefice and for those who lead us.*
- Saturday** *For an abundance of love, peace, harmony and forgiveness to reign within families and relationships.*

Please also pray for the Chipping Norton Deanery, and particularly this week:

St Mary's, Salford.

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson & Judith Marshall, and the Churchwardens Sally Chambers & Nicholas Chambers.

