

This week's services

Sunday 22nd December

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leafield,
Benefice Service



Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

4.00pm, Family Carol Service, Finstock
6.30pm, Traditional Carol Service, Ramsden
11.30pm, Midnight Mass, Leafield

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Family Service, Finstock
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Family Service, Ramsden
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Family Service, Leafield

Sunday 29th December

10.30am, Holy Communion, BCP, Wilcote



Christmas Services in the Forest Edge Benefice

Christmas Eve

4.00pm, Family Carol Service, Finstock
6.30pm, Traditional Carol Service, Ramsden
11.30pm, Midnight Mass, Leafield

Christmas Day

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW,
Finstock, Ramsden & Leafield

Sunday 29th December

10.30am, Holy Communion, BCP, Wilcote



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

4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2019

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

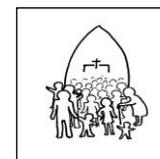


A loop system for the hard of hearing is fitted
in all our churches
(with the exception of St Peter's, Wilcote)

Benefice website:

<http://www.forestedgebenefice.co.uk>

The Collect



God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 7: 10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Second Reading Romans 1: 1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand

through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 1: 18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



Advent God,
we journey with you,
to Bethlehem's stable
and a new-born King,
ears attuned to the song of angels,
eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.

Forgive us
if on our journey
if we are distracted
by the tempting offers of this world.

Keep our hearts aflame
with the hope of Christmas,
and the promise of a Saviour.

Amen



These Bible readings are designated for each day

- Monday** *Matthew 19: 1-12*
- Tuesday** *Matthew 19: 13-15*
- Wednesday** *Matthew 1: 18-end*
- Thursday** *Acts 6*
- Friday** *1 John 2: 1-11*
- Saturday** *Matthew 18: 1-10*

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.

