

This week's services

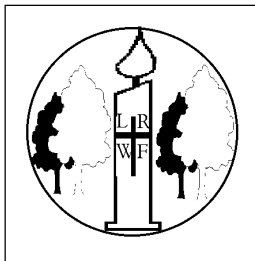
Sunday 4th November

9.00am, Holy Communion, BCP, Ramsden
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leafield,
with reading of the names of departed loved ones.



Sunday 11th November Remembrance

9.00am, Holy Communion, BCP, Finstock
11.00am, Act of Remembrance followed by a service in
Ramsden Church
(RBL Parade at 10:55am around War Memorial)
12.30pm, Short Act of Remembrance,
Finstock War Memorial
4.00pm, Act of Remembrance, Leafield



PEW SHEET

All Saints' Day

4th November 2018

**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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Today's feastday of 'All Saints' *isn't* about those who are publicly named as saints - each of those has their own feastday. Instead, on the Feast of 'All Saints' we think of many ordinary good people who walked with God in their daily lives, and who are now dead. Today is *their* feastday - the unmentioned saints - who now live in God's presence. This feastday of 'All Saints' also reminds us of our own potential, of what (hopefully) we are in the process of becoming.

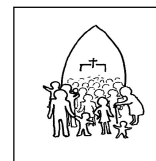
**With our roots and foundations firmly built on God's love,
may we, with all of his saints,
grasp just how wide and long and high and deep
is Christ's love.
Yes, may we come to experience for ourselves
the love of Christ
so that we may be filled completely with God himself.**

Amen



The Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



First Reading Wisdom 3: 1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples,

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and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Second Reading **Revelation 21: 1-6a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Gospel Reading **John 11: 32-44**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if

you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Revelation 1</i>
Tuesday	<i>Revelation 2: 1-11</i>
Wednesday	<i>Revelation 2: 12-end</i>
Thursday	<i>Revelation 3: 1-13</i>
Friday	<i>Revelation 3: 14-end</i>
Saturday	<i>Revelation 4</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:

SS Simon & Jude, Milton-under-Wychwood.
 Please pray for Geoffrey Clement & Anne Hartley
 and the Church Wardens
 Elizabeth Watts & Mike Hartley.



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