

## This week's services

### Sunday 28th October

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden,  
**Benefice Service**



### Sunday 4th November

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

It is in late October or early November that the State Opening of Parliament takes place. Many people crowd the streets of London to watch the Queen's procession to the Palace of Westminster - the Houses of Parliament. Many others watch on TV, and it was on this day in 1958 that the State Opening of Parliament was televised for the first time. The Queen sends her messenger (called "Black Rod") to the House of Commons to summon MPs to join her in the House of Lords. As "Black Rod" approaches the doors to the debating chamber of the House of Commons, the doors are closed on him. With a steel rod he knocks three times. The Commons then invite the Queen's messenger to enter. It was over 300 years ago that King Charles I stormed into the House of Commons, seeking to arrest 5 MPs who opposed him. It was the start of the Civil War. Since then no king or queen has ever set foot in the House of Commons. These days, the closing of the door on "Black Rod" is a reminder that Parliament is the supreme authority in the land, and no leader or king or queen is above the laws set by Parliament. When the MPs arrive in the House of Lords, the Queen reads out words that have been given to her by the government. The Queen's Speech sets out what the government intends to do in the following months. At the end of the Speech, the Queen says:

*"My Lords and Members of the House of Commons, I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels."*

**Almighty God,  
we pray for all  
who are in positions of leadership  
in our country,  
that they may show  
wisdom and understanding.  
We pray that they may live  
as people of integrity and honesty,  
growing in a sense  
of duty and responsibility,  
always being aware of the needy  
and ready to be of service to others.  
*Amen***

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

*Simon and Jude,  
Apostles*

**28th October 2018**

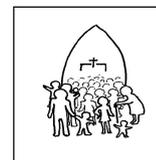
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## ***The Collect***



Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## ***First Reading Isaiah 28: 14-16***

Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem. Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter'; therefore thus says the Lord God, See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: 'One who trusts will not panic.'

## **Second Reading** **Ephesians 2: 19-end**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

## **Gospel Reading** **John 15: 17-end**

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause." 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.



## **BAPTISM**

We welcome Benjamin Arthur Fox Lismer brought for baptism today by his parents Miranda and David.  
We hope all Benjamin's family and friends who have come to share in his special day enjoy the occasion.  
10.30am, Ramsden



## **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** **St James' Church, Ramsden**

**12.30pm**

Join us for a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese  
Meet friends and neighbours  
And raise some money for charity



### **These Bible readings are designated for each day**

<b>Monday</b>	<i>2 Timothy 4: 1-8</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>2 Timothy 4: 9-end</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Titus 1</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Titus 2</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Titus 3</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Philemon</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:**

Holy Trinity, Finstock.

Please pray for Paul Mansell and the Church Warden Marian Miller.



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