

This week's services

Sunday 30th December

10.30am, Holy Communion, BCP, Wilcote
Followed by drinks and eats to celebrate the nativity



Sunday 6th January

9.00am, Holy Communion, BCP, Ramsden
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leafield

Friday 4th January
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



Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

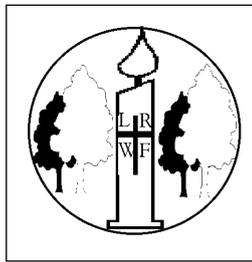
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

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

*1st Sunday of
Christmas
30th December 2018*

***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)

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

The Collect



Almighty God, who wonderfully
created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully
restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our
humanity, so we may share the life of his
divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever.

First Reading

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Second Reading

Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion,

kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading **Luke 2: 41-end**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.



Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Please join us after this service
for drinks and eats
to celebrate the New Year!



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>John 1: 29-34</i>
Tuesday	<i>Romans 2: 17-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>John 1: 35-42</i>
Thursday	<i>John 1: 43-end</i>
Friday	<i>John 2: 1-12</i>
Saturday	<i>John 2: 13-end</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.

