

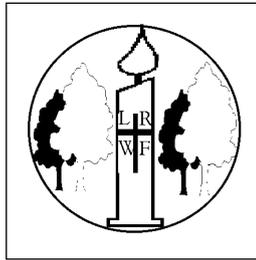
This week's services

Sunday 20th January

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

Sunday 27th January

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden
Benefice Service



PEW SHEET

*Conversion of Paul
3rd Sunday of Epiphany*

20th January 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>

Forgive us, Lord
when we are struggling with life,
searching for answers in vain,
relying on our own strength
and failing again.

Remind us, Lord
that you are the strength
upon whom we can call,
the power to endure,
the answer that we seek,
the one in whose arms
we can safely fall.

Forgive us, Lord
when we forget.

Amen



The Collect

Almighty God, who caused the
light of the gospel to shine
throughout the world through the
preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant
that we who celebrate his wonderful
conversion may follow him in bearing
witness to your truth; 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 Acts 9: 1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and
murder against the disciples of the Lord,
went to the high priest and asked him for
letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so
that if he found any who belonged to the
Way, men or women, he might bring them
bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going
along and approaching Damascus,
suddenly a light from heaven flashed
around him. He fell to the ground and
heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul,
why do you persecute me?' He asked,
'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am
Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get
up and enter the city, and you will be told
what you are to do.' The men who were
travelling with him stood speechless
because they heard the voice but saw no
one. Saul got up from the ground, and
though his eyes were open, he could see
nothing; so they led him by the hand and

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brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Second Reading
Galatians 1: 11-16a

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I

was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being,

Gospel Reading
Matthew 19: 27-end

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

These Bible readings are designated for each day

- Monday** *1 Corinthians 6: 1-11*
- Tuesday** *1 Corinthians 6: 12-end*
- Wednesday** *1 Corinthians 7: 1-24*
- Thursday** *1 Corinthians 7: 25-end*
- Friday** *Philippians 3: 1-14*
- Saturday** *1 Corinthians 9: 1-14*

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 John the Evangelist, Little Tew.
Please pray for Ginny Thomas
and the Churchwarden Claire Freeman.

