

This week's services

Sunday 17th February

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



Sunday 24th February

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Finstock
Benefice Service

The 18th February 1564 saw the death of Michelangelo Buonarroti, one of the greatest artists, architects and sculptors who ever lived. He was commissioned to paint the ceiling and one of the walls in the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican, Rome (the chapel in which the cardinals gather to elect a new pope). Michelangelo was the architect of part of the massive church of St Peter's, Rome, and he designed its great dome. Michelangelo thought of himself mainly as a sculptor. Two of his most famous pieces of sculpture are 'David' (in Florence) and 'the Pieta' in St Peter's (the dead Jesus in his mother's arms). Michelangelo often saw potential in things that others did not see. On one occasion he was seen to be studying carefully what others simply saw as a large block of marble, and someone asked him just what he was doing. He was looking at the grain of the marble and its strengths, and he said: "I can see an angel imprisoned in the marble, and I must set it free." He began the long and skilled job of carving a beautiful angel out of that stone. The story is a reminder that some people only see things as useless; others see beauty and potential.

**God our Father,
give us the power of your Spirit
that we may see and love in others
what you see and love in them.
We want to see the positive in people
and bring out the best in each other.
It's easy to say that,
but not always easy to live it out,
and so we ask you
to help and inspire us
to live as you would like us to live
this day.
Amen.**



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

*3rd Sunday
before Lent*

17th February 2019

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you when you leave***

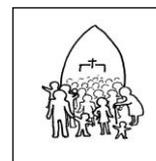


A loop system for the hard of hearing is fitted
in all our churches
(with the exception of St Peter's, Wilcote)

Benefice website:

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

The Collect



Almighty God, who alone can
bring order to the unruly wills
and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace so to love what you
command and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this
world, our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found; 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.

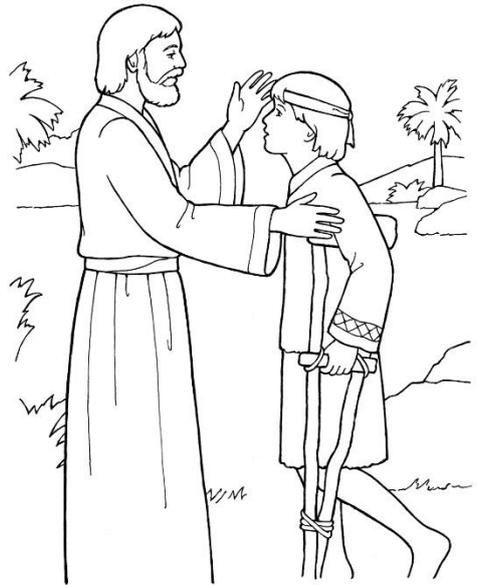
First Reading Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who
trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh
their strength, whose hearts turn away
from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub
in the desert, and shall not see when relief
comes. They shall live in the parched
places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited
salt land. Blessed are those who trust in
the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They
shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream. It shall
not fear when heat comes, and its leaves
shall stay green; in the year of drought it is
not anxious, and it does not cease to bear
fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it
is perverse who can understand it? I the
Lord test the mind and search the heart, to
give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.



Gospel Reading

Luke 6: 17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

These Bible readings are designated for each day

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| Monday | <i>John 17: 1-5</i> |
| Tuesday | <i>John 17: 6-19</i> |
| Wednesday | <i>John 17: 20-end</i> |
| Thursday | <i>John 18: 1-11</i> |
| Friday | <i>John 18: 12-27</i> |
| Saturday | <i>John 18: 28-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, and particularly this week:

All Saints, Churchill.

Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson & Roger Simpson and the Churchwardens John Armstrong & Mary Blackman.

