

This week's services

Sunday 3rd March

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



Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday

9.30am, Ash Wednesday Service with School, Leafield
7.30pm, Ash Wednesday Service, Ramsden

Sunday 10th March

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

Late one afternoon the composer Beethoven visited a shoemaker. Standing in the shop, waiting to have his shoes mended, Beethoven heard some music being played on a piano in the back room of the shop. Beethoven smiled, knowing that the music was one of his own compositions. "It's my daughter who's playing", said the shoemaker, "but she can't play very well because she is blind and has to play from memory." "May I play the piano for your daughter? I am a musician myself," asked Beethoven. "Certainly", said the shoemaker, not knowing who his customer was. Beethoven slowly rehearsed the music with the girl, and they began to practice other pieces he had written (although the girl was not aware that her teacher was, in fact, the composer). The time went quickly, and Beethoven didn't realise that hours had passed. Then he noticed the way that the moonlight had begun to stream its gentle light through the window of the room. Beethoven returned home. He couldn't get to sleep, but thought of how the girl was disabled by blindness, struggling to do her best, whilst others took sight and talents for granted. He thought of the great joy that music brought her, and he remembered the room in which they had played the music, and the way in which the moonlight streamed through the open window. He knew that whilst he could see the moonlight, she could not. Beethoven got out of bed and started to play the piano, expressing his feelings through music. What he produced is thought by many to be one of the most touching pieces of music. In memory of the girl, he called this new piece "The Moonlight Sonata".

**Lord, you have watched me grow in my mother's womb,
and I know that you love all that you have made.**

**Help me to transform my difficulties and disabilities
into opportunities for growth.**

**Shine the light of your Spirit on me that I may grow
as the person you are calling me to be.**

**Inspire me to develop the talents you have given me
for the benefit and the service of those people
you have placed in my life.**

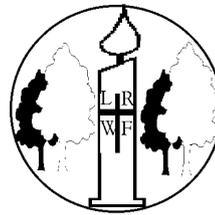
May each of us become a blessing for others.

Amen

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

*Sunday next
before Lent*

3rd March 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)

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The Collect



Almighty Father, whose Son was
revealed in majesty before he
suffered death upon the cross:

give us grace to perceive his glory, that we
may be strengthened to suffer with him and
be changed into his likeness, from glory to
glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever.

First Reading

Exodus 34: 29-end

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses,

that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 3: 12-4.2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gospel Reading **Luke 9: 28-36**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a

cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.



We publish the banns of marriage (1) between:

Nicola Jayne Wheeler and Tariq Edward Khoyratty
To be married on 18th May 2019
at St John the Baptist, Burford

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>John 3: 1-21</i>
Tuesday	<i>John 3: 22-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>1 Timothy 6: 6-19</i>
Thursday	<i>John 4: 1-26</i>
Friday	<i>John 4: 27-42</i>
Saturday	<i>John 4: 43-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:

St Denys, Little Compton.

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, & Roger Simpson and the Churchwarden Susie Cooper.

