

This week's services

Sunday 17th March

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



Tuesday 19th March

7:30pm Lent Group, ending with Compline, Ramsden

Sunday 24th March

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leafield



Today is the feast of St Patrick, Patron of Ireland. We pray this day for all Irish people. Patrick was born about the year 400AD, either near what is now the English/Scottish border (in what was then the Province of Britannia in the Roman Empire), or near the River Severn by the present English/Welsh border. Wherever he was born, he was captured by raiders, made a slave and taken to Ireland when he was about 16 years old. There he was forced to work in the fields, looking after sheep and pigs. He managed to escape in a ship which took him to France. Some time later he became a priest and then a bishop. He returned to his birthplace and had a vivid dream or a vision, calling him to return to Ireland and take the Gospel to the people there. It was as a young man (and whilst he was a captive) that he had much time to think and reflect, and he grew in his relationship with God. Spending days and nights in the open countryside, looking after the animals, he became more and more aware that God was there with him. Patrick learned to live in the Presence of God. Let's pause for a moment and remember that we are in God's presence at this time.

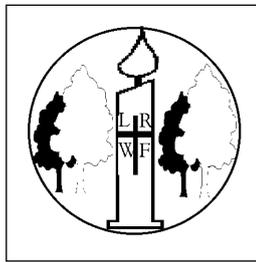
**Christ be with me and within me.
Christ be behind me and before me.
Christ be beside me
to comfort and restore me.
Christ be below and above me
in peace and in danger.
Christ be within the hearts
of all who love me.
Christ be in the words
of friend and stranger.**

Amen

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

*2nd Sunday of
Lent*

17th March 2019

***Please take this pew sheet with
you when you leave***



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in all our churches
(with the exception of St Peter's, Wilcote)

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The Collect



Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought

you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'



Second Reading
Philippians 3: 17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel Reading
Luke 13: 31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be

We publish the banns of marriage (3) 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 6: 41-51</i>
Tuesday	<i>Matthew 13: 54-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>John 6: 60-end</i>
Thursday	<i>John 7: 1-13</i>
Friday	<i>John 7: 14-24</i>
Saturday	<i>John 7: 25-36</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, Ascott-under-Wychwood.
Please pray for Mark Abrey.

