

This week's services

Sunday 24th March

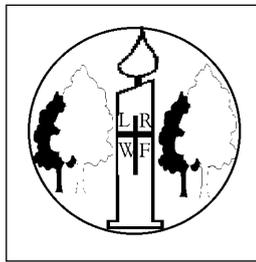
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leafield

Tuesday 26th March

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

Sunday 31st March Mothering Sunday

10.30am, Holy Communion, BCP, Wilcote



PEW SHEET

*3rd Sunday of
Lent*

24th 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)

Benefice website:

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



Leafield Church Coffee Morning
11am Saturday 30th March
In the church

There are some new and different
services and events planned for 2019

**Come and meet the team
and find out more!**



The Collect



Almighty God, whose most dear
Son went not up to joy but first
he suffered pain, and entered
not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way
of the cross, may find it none other than
the way of life and peace; 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
Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the
waters; and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and
milk without money and without price. Why
do you spend your money for that which is
not bread, and your labour for that which
does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me,
and eat what is good, and delight
yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear,
and come to me; listen, so that you may
live. I will make with you an everlasting
covenant, my steadfast, sure love for
David. See, I made him a witness to
the peoples, a leader and commander for
the peoples. See, you shall call nations
that you do not know, and nations that do
not know you shall run to you, because of
the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord
while he may be found, call upon him while
he is near; let the wicked forsake their way,

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and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 10: 1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel Reading **Luke 13: 1-9**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in

this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Romans 5: 12-end</i>
Tuesday	<i>John 7: 53-8.11</i>
Wednesday	<i>John 8: 12-30</i>
Thursday	<i>John 8: 31-47</i>
Friday	<i>John 8: 48-end</i>
Saturday	<i>John 9: 1-17</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 Giles, Wiggington.

Please pray for Wendy Cunningham,
Janet Collins & Keith Disney,
and the Churchwardens
Nicholas Case & Hugo Brown

