

This week's services



Sunday 15th March

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

Wednesday 18th March

7.30pm, Lent Group 3, ending with Compline, Ramsden

Sunday 22nd March Mothering Sunday

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leaffield

Benefice Service

Notices:

Sun 22nd March 11.30am	Leaffield APCM meeting	St Michael's, Leaffield
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These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday *Hebrews 4: 14-5.10*

Tuesday *Hebrews 5: 11-6.12*

Wednesday *Hebrews 6: 13-end*

Thursday *Matthew 13: 54-end*

Friday *Hebrews 7: 11-end*

Saturday *Hebrews 8*

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 & Ilona Cheyne.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – For further details see benefice website

The Church of England has published the following guidance for churches:

The Common Cup is now suspended.

Handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace is now suspended.

Direct physical contact as part of a blessing is now suspended.

Catering after services, including tea and coffee, is now suspended.

The collection plate will be handled by one person only.

The presiding minister and sacristan will use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser before celebration of the Eucharist.

In addition, those attending a church service are asked to wash their hands before leaving home and when they enter the church building (where facilities are available).

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

*3rd Sunday of Lent
15th March 2020*

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 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 Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of

Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Second Reading **Romans 5: 1-11**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Reading **John 4: 5-42**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to

draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

.....Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Lent 2020 in the Forest Edge Benefice

An ecumenical course in 5 sessions

SUPERSTAR

written by David Wilbourne

Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday 26th February at 7:30pm

Lent Group meetings on the following five weeks, beginning at 7:30pm

- Wednesday 4th March
- Wednesday 11th March
- Wednesday 18th March
- Wednesday 25th March
- Wednesday 1st April

at St James' Church, Ramsden

Each meeting lasts one hour. Compline follows each meeting for those who wish to stay (around 15 mins).

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