

This week's services



Sunday 16th August

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **St Michael's, Leaffield**

Sunday 23rd August

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These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday Acts 3: 11-end

Tuesday Acts 4: 1-12

Wednesday Acts 4: 13-31

Thursday Acts 4: 32-5.11

Friday Acts 5: 12-26

Saturday Acts 5: 27-end

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.



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PEW SHEET

*10th Sunday
after Trinity*

16th August 2020

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

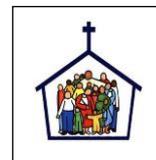
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The Collect



Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Second Reading **Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 15: 21-28**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.



The warmth of the sun's embrace,
the gentle breeze swept in by incoming tide,
the rhythm of seasons,
of new birth,
death and recreation.

All these speak so clearly of your love,
your power
and your beauty.

All are expressions of your creativity,
and more importantly of yourself.

As an artist might share his personality
within each brushstroke,
so within the myriad colours of a butterfly's wing
you share the exuberance of your love



Astronomers are able to predict with accuracy the dates and times of eclipses of the moon or the sun. An eclipse of the sun is observed when part of the sun appears black. The moon has moved between the sun and the earth, blocking out at least some of the sun's light reaching the earth. A total eclipse of the sun occurs when the moon completely blocks out the sun's light, and so that part of the earth is then completely in the moon's shadow. At 12.10pm on the 11th August 1999 a 2-minute total eclipse of the sun was observed in west Cornwall. With Cornwall having more miles of road than any other county - but many of them small, narrow, winding country roads - the police prepared plans in advance to handle the thousands of extra vehicles in the area. Britain's next total solar eclipse won't be until 2090. The previous total eclipse in Britain was in 1927 in northern England.

**Lord Jesus,
you are the light of the world.
Let us never cut ourselves off
either from the light and life that you give to us,
or from the good influence that others have on us.
When we encounter darkness in our lives,
enable us to bring to it
the light that we already have within us.**

Amen

