

## This week's services



### Sunday 23rd August

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

### Sunday 30th August

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



## These Bible readings are designated for each day

**Monday** *John 1: 43-end*

**Tuesday** *Acts 7: 1-16*

**Wednesday** *Acts 7: 17-43*

**Thursday** *Acts 7: 44-53*

**Friday** *Acts 7: 54-8.3*

**Saturday** *Acts 8: 4-25*

### 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.**

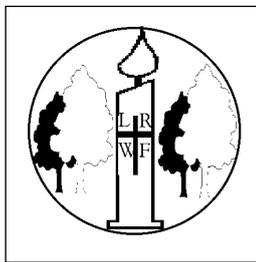


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## PEW SHEET

*11th Sunday  
after Trinity*

**23rd August 2020**

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## ***The Collect***



O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:

mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 51: 1-6***

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring

near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

## **Second Reading** **Romans 12: 1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

## **Gospel Reading** **Matthew 16: 13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father

in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



In 1933, an attempt was made to climb the world's highest mountain, Mount Everest, by F.S. Smythe. His fellow climber could go no further, so he decided to go on a little way by himself. Smythe writes of what happened when he tried to climb alone: "After leaving Eric, a strange feeling possessed me that I was accompanied by another. This 'presence' was strong and friendly. In its company I could not feel lonely, neither could I come to any harm. It was always there to sustain me in my solitary climb up the snow-covered slabs. As I halted and extracted some mint-cake from my pocket, it was so near and so strong that I instinctively divided the mint into two halves and turned round with one half in my hand to offer it to my 'companion'. Let's pause for a moment to remind ourselves that we are in the presence of God.

**Lord Jesus,  
open my eyes to recognise you  
as you walk beside me,  
accompanying me  
on my journey in life each day.**

*Amen*

