

## This week's services

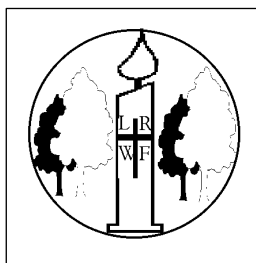


### Sunday 6th September

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

### Sunday 13th September

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



## PEW SHEET

13th Sunday  
after Trinity

6th September 2020

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you when you leave**

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## These Bible readings are designated for each day

**Monday** Acts 10: 34-end

**Tuesday** Acts 11: 1-18

**Wednesday** Acts 11: 19-end

**Thursday** Acts 12: 1-17

**Friday** Acts 12: 18-end

**Saturday** Acts 13: 1-12

## 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.*

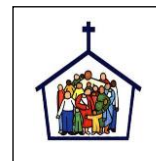
**Friday** *For the ministry of the Forest Edge Benefice and for those who lead us.*

**Saturday** *For an abundance of love, peace, harmony and forgiveness to reign within families and relationships.*

**Please also pray for the Chipping Norton Deanery.**



## The Collect



Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading Ezekiel 33: 7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the

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wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?



## **Second Reading** **Romans 13: 8-end**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## **Gospel Reading** **Matthew 18: 15-20**

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Off the coast of Northumberland in the North East, storms in the North Sea can be very strong. Tomorrow, 7th September, marks the day in 1838 when rough storms brought out a response of great bravery. Observing the storm was Grace Darling, the daughter of a lighthouse-keeper. The steamer 'Forfarshire' with 63 people onboard had run aground on an island. Grace could see 9 survivors clinging to a rock. Although she was small and her health was poor, the 22-year old Grace launched the small wooden rowing boat with her father, William. Together they rowed the mile to the survivors, across huge waves at the height of the storm. When they set off from the lighthouse, they knew they would not be able to row back to land unless some of the survivors were fit enough to help. They rescued 4 men and a woman. William and two of the survivors rowed back to the wreck for the others. Grace Darling was awarded a medal for her courage and bravery. She became a national heroine and, after many requests for a lock of her hair, she joked that she was going bald! Grace died of tuberculosis (T.B.) only 4 years later, aged 26.

**Lord,**  
**we know that each of us will experience**  
**difficulties of various kinds**  
**at different times in our lives.**  
**We pray for courage at those times,**  
**but we also pray for courage and strength**  
**to join others and be of support**  
**when they are in difficulty.**

*Amen*

