

This week's services



Sunday 11th October

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **St James', Ramsden**

Sunday 18th October

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



Notices:

Wed 14th October 7.30pm	Ramsden PCC meeting	St James', Ramsden
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We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.

We sense it's passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill,

Harvest's bounty placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth

both green shoot and hoar frost,

sunrise and sunset,

we bring our thanks for seeds that have grown,

harvests gathered, storehouses filled,

mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests

through winter's cold embrace,

we look forward to its re-awakening

when kissed by Spring's first touch.



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PEW SHEET

18th Sunday
after Trinity

11th October 2020

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you when you leave***

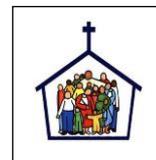
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The Collect



Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your
commandments and win the crown of
everlasting joy; 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 25: 1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I
will praise your name; for you have done
wonderful things, plans formed of old,
faithful and sure. For you have made the
city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the
palace of aliens is a city no more, it will
never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples
will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will
fear you. For you have been a refuge to
the poor, a refuge to the needy in their
distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a
shade from the heat. When the blast of the
ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the
noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you
subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this
mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all
peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-
matured wines, of rich food filled with
marrow, of well-matured wines strained

clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Second Reading **Philippians 4: 1-9**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 22: 1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I

have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" For many are called, but few are chosen.'

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Acts 26: 1-23</i>
Tuesday	<i>Acts 26: 24-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>Acts 27: 1-26</i>
Thursday	<i>Acts 27: 27-end</i>
Friday	<i>Acts 28: 1-16</i>
Saturday	<i>Acts 28: 17-end</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 Mary's, Chastleton.

Please pray James Kennedy, David Salter, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson, Toby Artis,

Judith Marshall

and the Church Wardens

Tessa Jackson Alastair Jackson.

