

This week's services



Sunday 16th May

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leaffield**

Sunday 23rd May

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Ramsden**

10.30am, Morning Light, non-Eucharistic
Family Service, **Leaffield**



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	1 John 2: 18-end
Tuesday	1 John 3: 1-10
Wednesday	1 John 3: 11-end
Thursday	1 John 4: 1-6
Friday	1 John 4: 7-end
Saturday	1 John 5

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 Denys, Little Compton.

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson, Gareth Harper, Toby Artis & Judith Marshall.



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PEW SHEET



16th May 2021
7th Sunday of Easter

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The Collect



O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end †

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then

they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Gospel Reading **John 17: 6-19**

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

One of the world's great painters, Vincent Van Gogh, was born in Holland in 1853. He lived briefly in England and Belgium, and then went to live in Paris with his brother, Theo, an art dealer, before moving to Arles in Provence, southern France. He produced a drawing or a picture everyday for the last few years of his life, but it's thought that he only sold one painting during his life-time, and he felt a failure as well as suffering from moods, depression, instability and even madness, cutting off part of his right ear. He committed himself voluntarily to a mental asylum. There he continued to paint, and he produced a portrait of a doctor who helped him. That painting is called "Portrait of Doctor Gachet", and it became the world's most expensive painting on this day in 1990 when it was sold at auction for £45.5 million.

**The door through which we enter
into the world can be for some
more than a handle to be turned,
more than a barrier to be crossed.
There is comfort and security
in isolation, a kind of peace
behind locked doors.
And the alternative?
Fear in venturing beyond the known.
Fear in the interaction with others.
Fear of intimidation or worse.
For those whose hearts are troubled
or spirits crushed
by sin or circumstance,
Good Lord, deliver them,
bring healing and wholeness
of mind, body and spirit,
and freedom
to be the person
they were always meant to be.**

Amen



We publish the banns of marriage (2) between:

Stacey Louise Williams and Mark Gardner
To be married on 26th June 2021
at St Michael's, Leaffield

We publish the banns of marriage (2) between:

Sophie Elizabeth Neal and Charles Patrick Davies
To be married on 15th July 2021
at St Michael's, Leaffield