

This week's services



Sunday 18th April

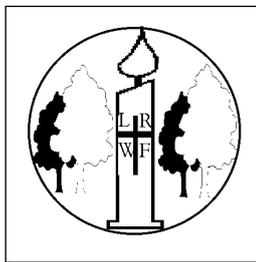
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leaffield**

Sunday 25th April

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

Notices:

Thu 22nd April 2.00pm	Ramsden PCC meeting	St James', Ramsden
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PEW SHEET

3rd Sunday of Easter

18th April 2021

Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Ephesians 1: 1-14</i>
Tuesday	<i>Ephesians 1: 15-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>Ephesians 2: 1-10</i>
Thursday	<i>Ephesians 2: 11-end</i>
Friday	<i>Ephesians 6: 10-20</i>
Saturday	<i>Ephesians 3: 14-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 Philip's, Little Rollright.

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson, Gareth Harper, Toby Artis & Judith Marshall and the Church Wardens Jo Simpson Richard Simpson.

We publish the banns of marriage (1) between:

Laura Ellen Winter and Andrew John Douglas Earnshaw
To be married on 22nd May 2021
at St James', Ramsden

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The Collect



Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts 3: 12-19 †

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that

is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Gospel Reading **Luke 24: 36b-48**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.



Albert Einstein was born in Germany in 1879. He is now acknowledged as one of the world's greatest scientists. Yet, when he applied to attend a college in Munich, he was turned down because they said that he "showed no promise". He worked in different jobs to get the money he needed to follow his scientific interests. Important as knowledge is, without his sense of imagination and creativity he would not have been able to make use of his knowledge to make such advances in science. It's interesting that he said: "Imagination is more important than knowledge." Einstein also said: "When I see the Cosmos, I can't help but believe that there is a Divine Hand behind it all." He died on this day in 1955, having said that "Only a life lived for others is worthwhile."

**Lord our God,
you give different gifts to each of us
and you are pleased
when we use our gifts well.
Inspire each of us to reach our potential
and use our gifts
for the benefit of others.
Enable us by the power of your Spirit
to grow in faith
and in imagination and creativity,
living a life for others
that is worthwhile.
Amen**

Springtime!
Your message of hope
to a world tiring of winter's starkness,
longing for that first crocus
to push through snow's icy blanket
and spread its leaves,
like arms outstretched,
to its creator.

Springtime!
Our yearly reminder, if we needed one,
that to a world that was dark and cold,
a world devoid of love's sweet warmth,
you sent your Son
to break through sin's icy blanket,
and, arms outstretched
on a cross,
he brought us
hope.
Thank you

