

## This week's services



### Sunday 2nd May

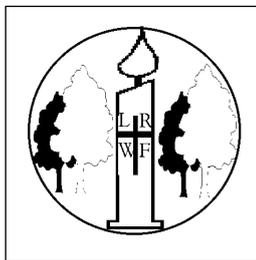
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leaffield**

### Sunday 9th May

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

10.30am, Morning Light, non-Eucharistic

Family Service, **Leaffield**



## PEW SHEET

5th Sunday of Easter

2nd May 2021

**Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.**

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## These Bible readings are designated for each day

**Monday** 1 Peter 1: 1-12

**Tuesday** 1 Peter 1: 13-end

**Wednesday** 1 Peter 2: 1-10

**Thursday** 1 Peter 2: 11-end

**Friday** 1 Peter 3: 1-12

**Saturday** 1 Peter 3: 13-end

## 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.*

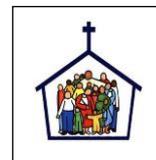
## Please also pray for the Chipping Norton Deanery, and particularly this week:

St Nicholas, Idbury.

Please pray for Geoffrey Clement & Anne Hartley and the Church Warden Mary Champness.



## The Collect



Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading Acts 8: 26-end †

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

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'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

***Gospel Reading***  
***John 15: 1-8***

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.



We thank you  
that Easter is not about a people,  
but all people,  
that your love and your Salvation  
are for all who confess  
with voices, hearts and lives  
that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen,  
that we might know forgiveness,  
that lives might be reborn  
and your name glorified  
now and for eternity.  
Amen

**We publish the banns of marriage (1) between:**  
Stacey Louise Williams and Mark Gardner  
To be married on 26th June 2021  
at St Michael's, Leafield

**We publish the banns of marriage (1) between:**  
Sophie Elizabeth Neal and Charles Patrick Davies  
To be married on 15th July 2021  
at St Michael's, Leafield

**We publish the banns of marriage (3) between:**  
Laura Ellen Winter and Andrew John Douglas Earnshaw  
To be married on 22nd May 2021  
at St James', Ramsden

**'Morning Light'**  
Non-Eucharist lay-led service  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
10.30am  
and alternate Sundays thereafter  
St Michael's, Leafield  
All welcome

