

This week's services



Sunday 9th May

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden
10.30am, Morning Light, non-Eucharistic
Family Service, Leaffield

Sunday 16th May

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leaffield



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	1 Peter 4: 1-11
Tuesday	1 Peter 4: 12-end
Wednesday	1 Peter 5
Thursday	Hebrews 7: 26-end
Friday	Acts 2: 37-end
Saturday	1 John 2: 7-17

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 Andrew, Great Rollright.
Please pray for Janet Faull
and the Church Warden Sarah Durham.



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PEW SHEET



9th May 2021
6th Sunday of Easter

Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.

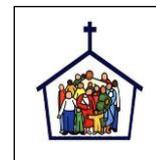
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The Collect



God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal 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 **Acts 10: 44-end †**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Gospel Reading

John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

God of Promise and God of Hope,
who through your great mercy
have granted us new birth
through the death and resurrection
of Jesus Christ,
we praise your wonderful name!
God of Glory and God of Might
who through your great power
have granted us new strength
to endure all things
through faith in Christ our risen King,
we praise your wonderful name!
Amen



200 years ago smallpox killed many people. It was a terrible disease and highly contagious, killing 2,000 people every year in London alone. Edward Jenner was aware that people who milked cows caught cowpox, a mild disease. He discovered that no-one who caught cowpox ever caught the deadly smallpox. On 14th May 1796 Jenner inoculated an 8 year old boy with cowpox, which is not a serious disease. Six weeks later he injected the boy with smallpox, but the boy did not become ill. The much milder cowpox had made him immune - he couldn't be hurt by the deadly smallpox. Eventually Jenner's work was appreciated. Giving a mild form of a virus in order to prevent a much worse illness, became known as "vaccination", after the Latin word for "cowpox", recognising that that disease provided the clue to making people immune - resistant to some serious viral infections. Edward Jenner's work helped save many lives. 100 years later, Louis Pasteur did a lot of work on producing vaccines to prevent other serious illnesses. We now know that an inoculation of a harmless form of a virus causes the human body to produce "antibodies" which stay in the bloodstream, ready to fight against the worst form of the virus if the person becomes infected. Viruses are so tiny that about 40,000 of them, laid end-to-end, would measure a millimetre. Such tiny things can destroy life, just as small things each day - our actions, our attitude - can take life away from other people.

**Loving Lord,
I often see on the TV news
examples of inhumanity to others,
people being tortured, abused,
injured or killed.
I need to remind myself
that the commandment "do not kill"
also refers to my attitude
and what I do each day,
because it is in smaller ways
that I can destroy people
if I ignore them or cut them off
or do them down.
Loving Lord,
inspire me
to take care of the smaller things of life
as well as the bigger issues.
Amen**