

This week's services

Sunday 13th June

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



Sunday 20th June

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

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



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Romans 9: 1-18</i>
Tuesday	<i>Romans 9: 19-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>Romans 10: 1-10</i>
Thursday	<i>Romans 10: 11-end</i>
Friday	<i>Romans 11: 1-12</i>
Saturday	<i>Romans 11: 13-24</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:

Lay Chair, Catherine Hitchens
Treasurer, Brian Ford
Deanery Synod Secretary, Jo Paton
All Deanery Synod Representatives.



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PEW SHEET



13th June 2021
2nd Sunday after Trinity

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The Collect



Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Ezekiel 17: 22-end

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel Reading

Mark 4: 26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Football was banned in England on the 12th June 1349. To understand why, we need to know first of all, that the terrible plague of the Black Death had reached England in the previous summer. Fleas living on infected rats carried the disease to humans and animals, killing at least half the population. The terrible disease affected everyone in many ways. Those who did not become ill, suffered the death of loved ones. With only half the people to do the same number of jobs, wages were higher and food prices were lower - but all at such a terrible cost of so many deaths, leaving behind devastated families. With fewer people, would the country - still at war with France - be able to defend itself? King Edward III was very concerned about the defence of the country - particularly the contribution that archers would make. Only three years before, English archers had won the Battle of Crécy against the French. The king knew that people had begun to see life very differently after so many had died of the Black Death. Practising archery was a low priority for them, and they wanted to spend their time doing other things. The king was concerned that the people would lose their skills as archers, and so, on the 12th June in 1349 (a year after the Black Death hit England), King Edward III made a law, banning such sports as football. He proclaimed that every able-bodied man was to spend his spare time practising with a bow and arrow - playing no sport but archery. The archers did regain their skills and went on to help win the Hundred Years War against France.

**Help me, Lord,
to discover the talents I have been given,
and not to let them lie unused
but to make the best use of them
both for myself and for others.
May sport help to bring out the best in people,
teaching us the lessons of commitment
and cooperation, of fairness and appreciation.
May sports and hobbies and interests
help me to develop my personality
that I may be renewed and re-created
in your image and likeness.**

Amen.



We publish the banns of marriage (2) between:

Victoria Ann Morris and Liam Robert Fernley
To be married on 31st July 2021
at Holy Trinity, Finstock

Ramsden Open Gardens

Sunday 13th June 2-5pm

Admission £5, children free

Teas, Drinks & Stalls

Local Produce

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In aid of St James' & The Memorial Hall

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