

## This week's services



### Sunday 20th June

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

### Sunday 27th June

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

#### Notices:

Wed 23rd June 7.00pm	Finstock APCM	Holy Trinity, Finstock
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## These Bible readings are designated for each day

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Romans 11: 25-end</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Romans 12: 1-8</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Romans 12: 9-end</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Luke 3: 1-17</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Romans 13: 8-end</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Romans 14: 1-12</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 Mary's, Salford.

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



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## PEW SHEET



**20th June 2021**  
3rd Sunday after Trinity

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

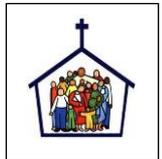
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## The Collect



Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 **Job 38: 1-11**

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed

bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?

## **Second Reading** **2 Corinthians 6: 1-13**

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

## **Gospel Reading** **Mark 4: 35-41**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and

rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'.

England's first Christian martyr was Saint Alban. He was executed in Roman times (about the year 304 A.D.), and the city of St Albans is named after him. The cathedral there is built on the site where he was beheaded. Today is his feast day. Who was Alban, and why did he die? An old man knocked on Alban's door, and he was invited in. The man was a Christian priest who was trying to get away from those who wanted to kill him. Although they had never met before, and even though Alban was not a Christian at that time, he gave food and shelter and protection to the priest, keeping him there in secret. The priest talked about following Christ, and Alban became a Christian although he knew that Christians were being imprisoned or executed. Some time later, the local authorities were told that a priest was hiding in Alban's house, and soldiers were sent to arrest the priest. As the soldiers arrived, Alban wrapped the priest's cloak around himself, wanting the priest to escape. The soldiers took Alban away, thinking he was the priest. Alban was sacrificing himself for the sake of his friend. The Roman governor was angry that he had been cheated of the death of the priest, but he commanded Alban to sacrifice to the Roman gods. Alban refused to do so. After torture, he was executed by being beheaded - simply because he was a Christian. It's unlikely that any of us here will be killed because we are Christians. In other places, people are discriminated against or beaten up or even killed because of their choice to follow Jesus. There is a poster that says: "If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

**Let us pray for all prisoners of conscience,  
and also for those who torture and kill.  
Let us pray that, when times are difficult,  
others may find us to be true friends.  
Let us pray that we may live generously,  
being prepared to make sacrifices  
for the benefit of others.**

*Amen*



**We publish the banns of marriage (3) between:**  
Victoria Ann Morris and Liam Robert Fernley  
To be married on 31st July 2021  
at Holy Trinity, Finstock