

## This week's services



### Sunday 19th September

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Finstock**  
10.30am, Morning Light, non-Eucharistic  
Family Service, **Leafield**

### Sunday 26th September

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leafield**  
Benefice Service



### Notices:

Tue 21st Sep  
2.00pm

Ramsden PCC  
meeting

St James',  
Ramsden

## PEW SHEET



**19th September 2021**  
16th Sunday after Trinity

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

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## These Bible readings are designated for each day

**Monday** *Mark 12: 28-34*

**Tuesday** *2 Timothy 3: 14-end*

**Wednesday** *Mark 13: 1-13*

**Thursday** *Mark 13: 14-23*

**Friday** *Mark 13: 24-31*

**Saturday** *Mark 13: 32-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.**



## The Collect



Lord, we beseech you  
mercifully to hear the prayers of  
your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive  
and know what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power  
faithfully to fulfil them; 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

**Wisdom 1: 16-2.1, 12-22**

But the ungodly by their words and deeds  
summoned death; considering him a  
friend, they pined away and made a  
covenant with him, because they are fit to  
belong to his company. For they reasoned  
unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short  
and sorrowful is our life, and there is no  
remedy when a life comes to its end, and  
no one has been known to return from  
Hades. 'Let us lie in wait for the righteous  
man, because he is inconvenient to us  
and opposes our actions; he reproaches  
us for sins against the law, and accuses  
us of sins against our training. He  
professes to have knowledge of God, and  
calls himself a child of the Lord. He  
became to us a reproof of our  
thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden

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to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.' Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

**Second Reading**  
**James 3: 13-4.3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from

you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**Gospel Reading**  
**Mark 9: 30-37**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**BAPTISM**

We welcome Thomas William Crockford brought for baptism today by his parents Amy and William.  
We hope all Thomas's family and friends who have come to share in his special day enjoy the occasion.  
10.30am, Finstock



○ Lord of life,  
For each step that I might take, be my guide  
For each load that I might bear, be my strength  
For each mountain I might face, be my power  
For each river that might impede, be my safety  
For each place where I might rest, be my peace  
For each sunrise and sunset, be my joy  
○ Lord of life