

This week's services

Sunday 25th July

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Finstock**

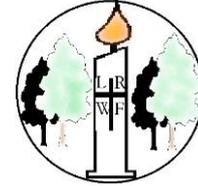


Sunday 1st August

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



PEW SHEET



25th July 2021
8th Sunday after Trinity

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These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday *Luke 9: 46-56*

Tuesday *James 2: 14-end*

Wednesday *James 3*

Thursday *James 4: 1-12*

Friday *James 4: 13-5.6*

Saturday *James 5: 7-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



Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading 2 Kings 4: 42-end

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." ' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 14-end

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 6: 1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing

may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

The 26th July is the anniversary of the birth in 1875 of Carl Jung, who became a world-famous psychologist - someone who studies human behaviour and is able to share thoughts about why people do certain things. People made appointments to see Carl Jung at his home in Switzerland so that they could talk through their problems. One day a wealthy lady phoned him to request an urgent appointment the following day at 3.00 in the afternoon. He said that it wouldn't be possible because he was already committed to an important appointment at that time. The following day, at the time the lady would have liked her appointment with Doctor Jung, she happened to be in a boat sailing past his garden which led down to the shore of the Lake of Zurich. There she could see him, sitting on a low wall with his shoes and socks off, dangling his feet in the water. She was angry - he had lied to her, she said to herself. He'd had no appointment at all! When she arrived home she was still angry and phoned him again: "You said that you couldn't see me because you had a very important engagement. But I saw you at that very time, doing nothing but sitting on the shore of the lake by yourself." Jung replied: "I told you no lie. I had an appointment. It was the most important appointment of the week - an appointment with myself.

**Lord,
I want to be responsible for my own life,
and I want to make positive choices each day.
Inspire me to get my priorities right
and be generous
in my care and concern for others.
In busy days and casual days
remind me, too, of my basic human need
for personal time and quiet and space,
and lead me to respect
the personal needs that others also have.**

Amen