

## This week's services

### Sunday 18th July

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leaffield



### Sunday 25th July

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Finstock



#### Notices:

Tue 20th July 7.30pm	Leaffield APCM	St Michael's, Leaffield
Wed 21st July 7.30pm	Ramsden APCM	St James', Ramsden

## These Bible readings are designated for each day

<b>Monday</b>	<i>2 Corinthians 11: 1-15</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>2 Corinthians 11: 16-end</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>2 Corinthians 12</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Luke 8: 1-3</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>James 1: 1-11</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>James 1: 12-end</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.**



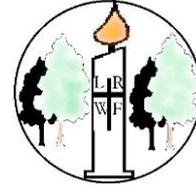
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## PEW SHEET



**18th July 2021**  
7th Sunday after Trinity

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

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## The Collect



Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

### **Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up

for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

## **Second Reading** **Ephesians 2: 11-end**

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

## **Gospel Reading** **Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the

boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

In our anxiety, fear and uncertainty,  
when hearts are heavy with the load we bear,  
and there is no one to turn toward but you;  
yours is the peace that calms,  
the peace that comforts,  
the peace that gives us strength to carry on.  
Yours is the voice we long to hear,  
the persistent whisper in our ear,  
'Be still, and know that I am God'.  
Yours is the presence in the dark  
that banishes our fears.  
Yours is the hand that guides,  
the footprints in which I walk.  
In our anxiety,  
fear and uncertainty,  
in confidence we turn to you.

The science-fiction writer, Arthur C. Clarke, estimated that 300,000 people contributed in different ways so that Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first people to walk on the moon on 20th July 1969. Of those 300,000 people, a group of technicians built the lunar landing craft. To name their vehicle they chose the letters and numbers "JN 1-14". They were asked to explain their unusual choice. The technicians said that, like everyone else, they were very aware of the significance of landing on the moon. As a group of Christians, they wanted to call to mind that there was something even more significant and special in human history. So they named the moon's landing craft after the gospel passage of Saint John, chapter 1, verse 14 - "JN 1-14", which reads: "God's Word became a human being, and he lived among us.

**God our Father,  
we thank you that in the vastness of your creation  
there is something special  
about the beauty of this earth.  
Into our world which you love so much  
you sent Jesus, your Son- your Word  
who became a human being –  
and he made his home among us.  
Open our eyes  
that we may have a sense of wonder and awe  
that leads us to treasure all that you have made.  
Show us how to value all  
who are a part of our lives this day.**

*Amen*