

This week's services



Sunday 15th August

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

Sunday 22nd August

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



PEW SHEET



15th August 2021
11th 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

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| Monday | <i>Luke 11: 27-28</i> |
| Tuesday | <i>Mark 5: 21-34</i> |
| Wednesday | <i>Mark 5: 35-end</i> |
| Thursday | <i>Mark 6: 1-13</i> |
| Friday | <i>Mark 6: 14-29</i> |
| Saturday | <i>Mark 6: 30-44</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.



The Collect



O God, you declare your
almighty power most chiefly in
showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of
your grace, that we, running the way of
your commandments, may receive your
gracious promises, and be made
partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 Proverbs 9: 1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has
hewn her seven pillars. She has
slaughtered her animals, she has mixed
her wine, she has also set her table. She
has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town, 'You
that are simple, turn in here!' To those
without sense she says, 'Come, eat of my
bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in
the way of insight.'

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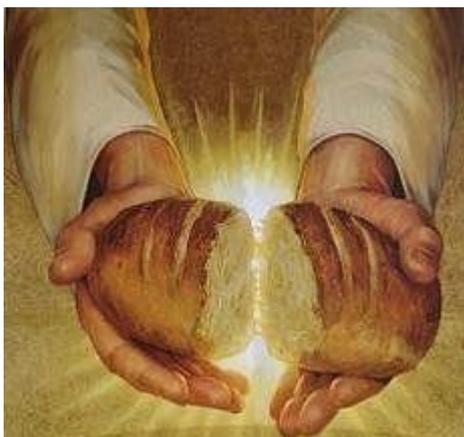
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Second Reading **Ephesians 5: 15-20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading **John 6: 51-58**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'



No-one likes rain during their summer holidays, but torrential rain was the experience of people on 16th August 1952 in Lynmouth, a very picturesque small holiday resort on the north coast of Devon. On the 15th August it had rained very heavily for hour after hour. The soil of the huge area of the moor called Exmoor could soak up only so much water – the rest had to flow downhill. Although vast amounts of water had already fallen, at about 8.30 in the evening there was a cloudburst. Down came more torrential rain. 23 centimetres (9 inches) of rain fell in 24 hours, whereas the area normally received about 83 centimetres (33 inches) in a whole year! And so the river that, in a normal summertime, flowed from the moor over rocks and big boulders, now became a killer. Suddenly giant waves of water swept off the moor and picked up huge boulders and rocks as though they were tiny pebbles. The water and boulders and soil swept through the village of Lynmouth, destroying 28 bridges as though they were twigs. As electricity had been cut off, the people could not even see the tragedy that was upon them. Many buildings were destroyed or badly damaged. More importantly, 31 people were killed, and some of the bodies were never recovered. They were either lost under thick mud, or were washed out to sea. In the daylight of the morning of the 16th of August, the emergency services discovered how severe the tragedy was. Lynmouth was a severe “natural disaster” in a country that doesn’t normally have such experiences. Documentary TV programmes on natural disasters often include scenes of Lynmouth. Camera shots of the great size of the boulders of rock and the distance they were moved by the onrush of water, illustrate how powerful and destructive water can be.

**God our Father,
we have been reminded
of the destruction and even death
that water can bring,
and we can reflect that we are called
to die to selfishness and sin
- living, instead, in the fullness of life
that Jesus promises.**
**In a country that is blessed
with an abundance of water,
perhaps we don’t fully appreciate
how vital water is for all life.**
**Water is used as a sign in Baptism
- a symbol of dying to selfishness and sin,
and living the new life that Jesus brings.**
**When Jesus was baptised
in the River Jordan,
he was placing himself beside
all who had sinned
and needed to make a new start
and live in a better way.**
**At that time, Father, you were heard to say
that Jesus was your well-loved Son,
and the Holy Spirit rested upon him.**
**Fill us with your Spirit
that we may grow in the realisation and faith
that we, too,
are your sons and daughters
whom you love greatly.**
Amen