

This week's services

Sunday 22nd August

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

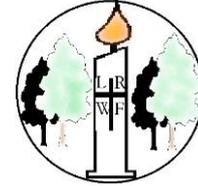


Sunday 29th August

10.30am, Holy Communion, BCP, **Wilcote**



PEW SHEET



22nd August 2021
12th 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 6: 45-end*

Tuesday *John 1: 43-end*

Wednesday *Mark 7: 14-23*

Thursday *Mark 7: 24-30*

Friday *Mark 7: 31-end*

Saturday *Mark 8: 1-10*

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 and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to
hear than we to pray and to give
more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your
mercy, forgiving us those things of which
our conscience is afraid and giving us
those good things which we are not worthy
to ask but through the merits and
mediation of 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

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of
Israel to Shechem, and summoned the
elders, the heads, the judges, and the
officers of Israel; and they presented
themselves before God. And Joshua said
to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the
God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—
Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—
lived beyond the Euphrates and served
other gods. 'Now therefore revere the
Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in
faithfulness; put away the gods that your
ancestors served beyond the River and in
Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are
unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this

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day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Second Reading **Ephesians 6: 10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel Reading **John 6: 56-69**

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.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

BAPTISM

We welcome Jaxon John Lonsdale brought for baptism today by his parents Kelly and Billy.
We hope all Jaxon's family and friends who have come to share in his special day enjoy the occasion.
10.30am, Finstock

