

## This week's services

### Sunday 29th August

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



### Sunday 5th September

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



## PEW SHEET



**29th August 2021**  
13th 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 8: 11-21*

**Tuesday** *Mark 8: 22-26*

**Wednesday** *Mark 8: 27-9.1*

**Thursday** *Mark 9: 2-13*

**Friday** *Mark 9: 14-29*

**Saturday** *Mark 9: 30-37*

### 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 God, who called you Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading

### Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget

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the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

## **Second Reading** **James 1: 17-end**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## **Gospel Reading** **Mark 7: 1-8, 14, 15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing

of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Today we welcome Arthur Peter Young  
to be baptised in the name of  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
as he takes his next step  
in his journey in faith.

In the southern United States, Helen Keller lost her sight and hearing through illness when she was only 2 years old. Annie Sullivan, who had herself been blind, taught the teenage Helen how to speak and how to read Braille writing. On 1st September 1904 the deaf and blind Helen Keller graduated with honours from Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Helen wrote the following words about using well whatever senses we have.

"We differ, blind and seeing, one from another - not in our senses, but in the use we make of them, in the imagination and courage with which we seek wisdom beyond our senses... I have walked with people whose eyes are full of light, but who see nothing in wood, sea or sky, nothing in the city streets, nothing in books. What a witless masquerade is this seeing! It were better far to sail for ever in the night of blindness, with sense and feeling and mind, than to be thus content with the mere act of seeing. They have the sunset, the morning skies, the purple of distant hills - yet their souls voyage through this enchanted world with a barren stare"

**Lord, we pray that we may live in such a way  
that we value all that is good in our lives  
and never take anyone or anything for granted.**

*Amen*