

This week's services

Sunday 12th September

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden



Sunday 19th September

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Finstock

10.30am, Morning Light, non-Eucharistic
Family Service, Leafield



PEW SHEET



12th September 2021
15th 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 11: 1-11

Tuesday John 12: 27-36a

Wednesday Mark 11: 27-end

Thursday Mark 12: 1-12

Friday Mark 12: 13-17

Saturday Mark 12: 18-27

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



God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my

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adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Second Reading **James 3: 1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel Reading **Mark 8: 27-end**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the

Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

We publish the banns of marriage (2) between:

Emma Helsdown and Jason Marple
To be married on 29th October 2021
at St James', Ramsden

The 18th September marks the anniversary in 1709, of the birth of the English writer called Doctor Johnson, who often wrote short passages on different topics. For example, he wrote about friendship: "I look upon every day to be lost in which I do not make a new acquaintance." On friendship, he also said: "A man, Sir, should keep his friendship in constant repair." Saint Paul wrote a famous passage about love, which is often used at weddings. We can reflect on those words, but mentioning "friends" instead of "love":

**Friends are patient and kind,
they are not jealous or boastful,
they are not arrogant or rude.
Friends do not insist on having their own way.
They are not touchy or resentful.
They don't take pleasure
when things go wrong for others,
but they are pleased with what is good and right.
Friends are always ready to excuse,
to believe the other person, to have hope,
and to stand beside their friend
in bad times as well as good.
True friendship never ends.**

