

This week's services

Sunday 24th October

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden
Benefice Service



Friday 29th October

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, Wilcote

Sunday 31st October All Saints' Day

10.30am, Holy Communion, BCP, Wilcote
With the reading of the names of
departed loved ones.



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>John 17: 1-5</i>
Tuesday	<i>John 17: 6-19</i>
Wednesday	<i>John 17: 20-end</i>
Thursday	<i>Luke 6: 12-16</i>
Friday	<i>John 18: 12-27</i>
Saturday	<i>John 18: 28-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, and particularly this week:

Holy Trinity, Finstock with Fawler.
Please pray for Paul Mansell & Gail Ward
and the Churchwarden Marian Miller.



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PEW SHEET



24th October 2021
Last Sunday after Trinity
Bible Sunday

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

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The Collect



Blessed Lord, who caused all
holy Scriptures to be written for
our learning: help us so to hear
them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly
digest them that, through patience, and
the comfort of your holy word, we may
embrace and for ever hold fast the hope
of everlasting life, which you have given
us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever.

First Reading Isaiah 55: 1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the
waters; and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and
milk without money and without price. Why
do you spend your money for that which is
not bread, and your labour for that which
does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me,
and eat what is good, and delight
yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear,
and come to me; listen, so that you may
live. I will make with you an everlasting
covenant, my steadfast, sure love for
David. See, I made him a witness to
the peoples, a leader and commander for
the peoples. See, you shall call nations
that you do not know, and nations that do
not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Second Reading **2 Timothy 3: 14-4.5**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.



Gospel Reading **John 5: 36b-end**

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

Today is "United Nations Day", being the day on which the UN was established in 1945, after the world had seen what total war could do. At the inaugural session of the United Nations in 1945 at the end of the Second World War, Britain's Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, stated that "It is for the peoples of the world to make their choice between life and death." We know that "peace" isn't simply the "absence of war", and so the UN seeks to promote good relationships between people and countries. The UN's choices for "life" include working, for refugees, in health care, in the growing of food, and in promoting science and culture. A passage in one of the first books of the Bible has God speaking these words about "choosing life": "I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live in my love."

**God our Father,
peace in our world begins with the attitude
and actions of individual people.
We pray that we may live in such a way
that we are positive in our attitude,
choosing "life" in the small events of this day
rather than choosing "death" that comes from a
negative attitude of criticism and finding fault,
of doing others down and being miserable.
In choosing "life" rather than "death",
living positively and cheerfully,
may we bring life to others.**

Amen