

This week's services



Sunday 31st October All Saints' Day
10.30am, Holy Communion, BCP, **Wilcote**
With the reading of the names of departed loved ones.

Friday 5th November
6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 7th November
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leafield



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday *Matthew 1: 18-end*
Tuesday *Matthew 2: 1-15*
Wednesday *Matthew 2: 16-end*
Thursday *Matthew 3*
Friday *Matthew 4: 1-11*
Saturday *Matthew 4: 12-22*

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:

St Andrew's, Kingham.

Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Martha Simpson, Roger Simpson, Judith Marshall and the Churchwarden Charlie Care.



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PEW SHEET



31st October 2021
All Saints' Day

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The Collect



Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 25: 6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Second Reading **Revelation 21: 1-6a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel Reading **John 11: 32-44**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd

standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Today's feastday of 'All Saints' isn't about those who are publicly named as saints - each of those has their own feastday. Instead, on the Feast of 'All Saints' we think of many ordinary good people who walked with God in their daily lives, and who are now dead. Today is their feastday - the unmentioned saints - who now live in God's presence.



Thank you for the lives of all those loved ones who, whilst no longer walking beside us or holding our hand along life's journey as once they did,
live on in the collective memory of those they have left behind.
Thank you for their inspiring words, encouragement, love and support, an example for us to follow.
May their legacy be seen in the people we have become, and may we always be thankful.
Enjoy their company, Loving God until we shall meet again.

Amen

