

This week's services



Sunday 7th November

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

Thursday 11th November

10.30am, Remembrance Day Service, **Leaffield**
(with Leaffield School)

Friday 12th November

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 14th November

11.00am, Act of Remembrance
followed by a service in **Ramsden** church
(RBL Parade at 10:55am around War Memorial)
12.30pm, Act of Remembrance, **Finstock** War Memorial
4.00pm, Act of Remembrance, **Leaffield**

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday *Matthew 4: 23-5.12*

Tuesday *Matthew 5: 13-20*

Wednesday *Matthew 5: 21-37*

Thursday *Matthew 5: 38-end*

Friday *Matthew 6: 1-18*

Saturday *Matthew 6: 19-end*

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:

SS Simon & Jude, Milton-under-Wychwood.
Please pray for Geoffrey Clement & Anne Hartley and the Churchwardens Liz Watts & Mike Hartley.



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PEW SHEET



7th November 2021
3rd Sunday before Advent

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The Collect



Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Second Reading **Hebrews 9: 24-end**

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Gospel Reading **Mark 1: 14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.



In 1987, the 8th November was Remembrance Sunday, and people in the town of Enniskillen in Northern Ireland gathered around their War Memorial to honour those who had died in the two World Wars. At 10.45am a 30-pound bomb exploded. Several people lay under a collapsed wall, including 20-year-old nurse, Marie Wilson. "I love you," were her last words to her father, Gordon, as they held hands under the rubble. Marie was one of 11 killed that day. 63 others were wounded - some seriously. The following day, Marie's 60-year-old father said: "My wife and I do not bear any grudges. I am very sorry for those who did this, but I bear them no ill-will. I prayed for them last night. I shall pray for those people tonight and every night. May God forgive them." Gordon Wilson's words touched many people throughout the world. Listeners to BBC Radio 4 voted Gordon Wilson as "Man of the Year". In her Christmas Broadcast, Queen Elizabeth remarked that he had "impressed the whole world by the depth of his forgiveness."

**God our Father,
may no-one's negative actions
ever overpower my determination
to choose to live in a positive way.
I know that to forgive someone
can be far from being an easy option,
and I know that forgiveness
isn't somehow pretending
that something wrong hasn't happened.
For what I have done wrong,
Father, forgive me to the extent
that I am generous in forgiving,
or hoping to forgive,
those who have done wrong to me.
Empower me to break the cycle
of any hatred, resentment or bitterness,
always resisting evil and
conquering it with goodness.
*Amen.***



So many shades of gold
Autumn
Another miracle we take for granted
Another expression of the artist's vision
The blending of the autumn hues
with the setting sun
Warm
Comforting
Perfect
Thank you for autumn, Lord

