

This week's services



Sunday 28th November

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Finstock Benefice Service**

Wednesday 1st December

5.30pm, Rainbows, Brownies & Guides Nativity Service
Finstock Village Hall

Friday 3rd December

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 5th December

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leafield**



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Matthew 12: 1-21</i>
Tuesday	<i>John 12: 20-32</i>
Wednesday	<i>Matthew 12: 38-end</i>
Thursday	<i>Matthew 13: 1-23</i>
Friday	<i>Matthew 13: 24-43</i>
Saturday	<i>Matthew 13: 44-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:

St Mary's, Charlbury.

Please pray for Sally Welch, Jan Fielden & Tish Bird and the Churchwardens

Dine Glasgow & Paddy Gallagher.



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PEW SHEET



28th November 2021
1st Sunday of Advent

Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.

Benefice website:

<http://www.forestedgebenefice.co.uk>

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The Collect



Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'



Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21: 25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'



BAPTISM

We welcome Macey Sophia Williams brought for baptism today by her parents Emily and Joshua.

We hope all Emily's family and friends who have come to share in her special day enjoy the occasion.
10.30am, Finstock



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Advent God,
we journey with you,
to Bethlehem's stable
and a new-born King,
ears attuned to the song of angels,
eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.

Forgive us
if on our journey we are distracted
by the tempting offers of this world.

Keep our hearts aflame
with the hope of Christmas,
and the promise of a Saviour.

Amen

