

## This week's services



### Sunday 19th December

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Finstock**  
10.30am, Service of Lessons and Carols, **Leafield**

### Tuesday 21st December

6.30pm, Carol Singing around the Village, **Ramsden**

### Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

4.00pm, Family Carol Service, **Finstock**  
6.00pm, Traditional Carol Service, **Ramsden**  
11.30pm, Midnight Mass, **Wilcote**

### Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

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

### Sunday 26th December

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



## These Bible readings are designated for each day

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Matthew 19: 1-12</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Matthew 19: 13-15</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Matthew 19: 16-end</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Matthew 23: 1-12</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Matthew 23: 13-28</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Matthew 1: 18-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.**



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## PEW SHEET



**19th December 2021**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

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

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**Please wear a face covering during this service, including while singing.**  
**Thank you**

## The Collect



God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading Micah 5: 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

## **Second Reading** **Hebrews 10: 5-10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## **Gospel Reading** **Luke 1: 39-45**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'



### **BAPTISM**

We welcome Mabel Lisa Pratley brought for baptism today by her parents Craig and Lisa.

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



## **Christmas Services in the Forest Edge Benefice**

### **Christmas Eve**

4.00pm, Family Carol Service, Finstock  
6.00pm, Traditional Carol Service, Ramsden  
11.30pm, Midnight Mass, Wilcote

### **Christmas Day**

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW,  
Finstock, Ramsden & Leaffield

### **Sunday 26th December**

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leaffield  
Benefice Service



God our Father,  
you created light and all that we can see.  
Show us how to grow in a sense of wonder  
that we may "really see" and appreciate  
all the beauty that is around us.  
Lead us to discover how inter-connected  
are so many things in life  
and how inter-woven with your presence.  
May the coming into our world  
of Jesus, your Son,  
- who lived fully as a human being -  
remind us that we are all called  
to be at-one with you.  
Show us how to transform  
all that might be ordinary in our daily lives and,  
through your Spirit,  
become more fully alive, to your greater glory.

Amen

