

This week's services



Sunday 3rd July

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

Friday 8th July

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 10th July

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



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Luke 15: 1-10</i>
Tuesday	<i>Luke 15: 11-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>Luke 16: 1-18</i>
Thursday	<i>Luke 16: 19-end</i>
Friday	<i>Luke 17: 1-10</i>
Saturday	<i>Luke 17: 11-19</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



3rd July 2022

Thomas the Apostle
3rd Sunday after Trinity

Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.

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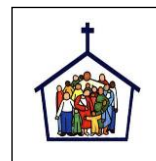
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The Collect



Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading **Habakkuk 2: 1-4**

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Second Reading **Ephesians 2: 19-end**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Gospel Reading **John 20: 24-29**

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'



In the 1930s John Dillinger escaped from prison in the United States, having been found guilty of murder and robbery. The F.B.I. identified him as "Public Enemy Number One". Knowing that the police and the F.B.I. had records of his fingerprints, he thought he would set about getting new fingerprints so that his presence would not be detected in future. He dipped his fingers and thumbs into a bowl of acid, and went through great pain until new skin grew. After a few weeks, Dillinger tested his new fingerprints - only to find that they were identical to his old ones. No-one else will ever have the same fingerprints as me. Fingerprints are a sign that each person is unique and individual.

**God our Father,
you made each of us unique and unrepeatable.
Inspire me to live in such a way
that I respect others
and am ready to learn
from all who are part of my life this day.
Amen**



Creator God
who breathed this world into being,
who is discernible within
the harmony of nature,
the perfection of a butterfly's wing,
the grandeur of a mountain range,
the soaring eagle and humming bird,
thank you for this world
which you have created.
Thank you for summer sun,
which reminds us
that your creative breath
is still alive and active.
Thank you for the warmth of your love,
sustaining this world,
your garden.
Amen

We publish the banns of marriage (2) between:

Elizabeth Victoria Sneap
and Peter James Bramley
To be married on 12th August 2022
at St Michael's, Leaffield

Iona Amelia Debarge
and Charles Hugo Yarborough Parker
To be married on 27th August 2022
at St Michael's, Leaffield