

## This week's services



### Sunday 8th September

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Ramsden**  
6.00pm, Evening Prayer, **Leafield**

### Friday 13th September

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

### Sunday 15th September

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Finstock**  
4.00pm, Leafield Light, **Leafield**

Everyone welcome at all services!

## Notices

### Tuesday 10th September

Leafield PCC meeting, 3.30pm, St Michael's, **Leafield**  
Finstock PCC meeting, 7.00pm, at **Kirsten Ireland's home**

### Wednesday 11th September

Ramsden PCC meeting, 7.00pm, St James', **Ramsden**

These Bible readings are designated for each day

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Acts 16: 6-24</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Acts 16: 25-end</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Acts 17: 1-15</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Acts 17: 16-end</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Acts 18: 1-21</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>John 12: 27-36a</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 King 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



**8th September 2024**  
15th Sunday after Trinity

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## The Collect



God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 35: 4-7a*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

**Second Reading**  
**James 2: 1-10, 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**Gospel Reading**  
**Mark 7: 24-end**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs

under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Lord,

Thank you for the seasons we can count on,  
find routine in,  
and that will never cease while the earth remains.

As we enter into autumn,  
when the cooler winds drift in  
and the days grow shorter, draw us closer to you.

Let us feel your warm and loving presence.

May we imagine ourselves in your arms,  
close to your heart, surrounded by your light,  
and find comfort in your consistency  
when the world around us  
seems to be constantly changing.

Thank you for your loving kindness that engulfs us  
and your light that drives the darkness away.

We praise you for being a God  
who loves us and takes care of us.

We are grateful you are with us  
in all circumstances and seasons.

Amen

