

## This week's services



### Sunday 11th February

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

### Wednesday 14th February

7.30pm, Ash Wednesday Service, **Ramsden**

### Friday 16th February

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

### Sunday 18th February

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

These Bible readings are designated for each day

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Galatians 1</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Galatians 2: 1-10</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>1 Timothy 6: 6-19</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Galatians 2: 11-end</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Galatians 3: 1-14</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Galatians 3: 15-22</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, and particularly this week:

St Marys, Charlbury.

Please pray for  
Fergus Butler-Gallie, Jan Fielden & Tish Bird  
and the Church Wardens  
Dine Glasgow & Paddy Gallagher.



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# PEW SHEET



**11th February 2024**  
Sunday next before Lent

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

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## The Collect



Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading 2 Kings 2: 1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your

master away from you?’ And he answered, ‘Yes, I know; be silent.’ Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.’ Elisha said, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.’ He responded, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## **Second Reading** **2 Corinthians 4: 3-6**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **Gospel Reading** **Mark 9: 2-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who

were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## Lent Groups 2024

### The way of love

Come and See is a series of daily emails and a short video to watch each Sunday during Lent.

This year we’re exploring how each of us is called into a deep relationship of love with God, and what it means to love others well.


Whether you’re exploring faith for the first time or have been coming to church for many years, *Come and See* offers life-giving reflections before the busyness of each day begins.

Thousands of people take part in *Come and See* each year. Join us and others this Lent. Find out more online.

[oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see)

**St James’ Church, Ramsden**  
**Ash Wednesday Service:**  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7:30pm.  
**The Lent Group then meets on:**  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Feb,  
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March.  
All meetings begin at 7:30pm.

**COME  
AND  
SEE**



*Three Organ Recitals*

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~ RECITAL I ~  
Saturday 20th January 2024, 2.30pm  
Organist – Christopher Fletcher-Campbell  
*‘A selection of English organ music through the centuries’*

~ RECITAL II ~  
Saturday 17th February 2024, 2.30pm  
Organist – Malcolm Pearce  
*‘Wesley, Stainer and Elgar - music from the organ-builder’s age’*

~ RECITAL III ~  
Saturday 16th March 2024, 2.30pm  
Organist Sarah Lister with Meryl Davies, Soprano  
*‘A range of arias from Baroque to contemporary’*

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