

## This week's services



**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**

*Merry*  
*Christmas*

## 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



**24th/25th December 2021**  
**Christmas Eve/Christmas Day**

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

Benefice website:

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

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



## The Collect

### Midnight Mass



Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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.

### Christmas Morning

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 52: 7-10***

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

## ***Second Reading*** ***Hebrews 1: 1-4***

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

## ***Gospel Reading*** ***John 1: 1-14***

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his

own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## ***Gospel Reading*** ***Luke 2: 1-14***

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

