

This week's services

Sunday 13th March

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden



Wednesday 16th March

7:30pm, Lent Group, Ramsden

Friday 18th March

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, Wilcote

Sunday 20th March

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Finstcok

10.30am, Morning Light,
non-Eucharistic Family Service, Leafield



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Hebrews 1</i>
Tuesday	<i>Hebrews 2: 1-9</i>
Wednesday	<i>Hebrews 2: 10-end</i>
Thursday	<i>Hebrews 3: 1-6</i>
Friday	<i>Hebrews 3: 7-end</i>
Saturday	<i>Matthew 13: 54-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, and particularly this week:

Holy Trinity, Ascott-under-Wychwood.
Please pray for Mark Abrey & Ilona Cheyne.



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PEW SHEET



13th March 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent

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The Collect



Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading **Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it

to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Second Reading
Philippians 3: 17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel Reading
Luke 13: 31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next

day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." ' "

BAPTISM

We welcome Theodore Steven Harris brought for baptism today by his parents Stacey and Luke. We hope all Theodore's family and friends who have come to share in his special day enjoy the occasion. 10.30am, Ramsden



The people of Argentina and Chile were preparing for war because of a dispute over which country owned some land high in the Andes mountains that separated the two countries. On Easter Sunday many people gathered in the cathedral of Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. The bishop preached in his sermon about the need for peace. Many disagreed with him, but some supported him - including a bishop in the opposing country of Chile who went about his own country, also preaching peace. Such was the effect of the two bishops on the people of their countries, that the two governments felt they should step back from war and talk with each other again. They agreed to invite King Edward VII (the seventh) of Britain to make a decision about who should own the land over which they were about to go to war. The bishop from Argentina had said: "I would like to see Christ standing between our two nations, guiding us and leading us." Some people decided to take this literally and set about fund-raising to build a statue of Christ. On this day - 13th March - 1904, representatives of both countries gathered around the huge statue that had been built on one of the mountains of the Andes, between both nations. This is one of the prayers used: "that these great mountains may crumble into dust before the peoples of Argentina and Chile break the peace which we have promised to keep, here at the feet of Christ." The huge statue of "Christ of the Andes" is a great symbol and reminder of the need to work together for peace.

**Lord,
 inspire us to act justly, love tenderly,
 and walk humbly with you, our God.
 Breathe upon us your Spirit of peace
 that we may be bearers of reconciliation
 wherever you place us.
 May there be peace in our hearts, in our homes,
 in our land, and between all people.
 Amen**