

This week's services

Sunday 8th May

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden



Friday 13th May

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, Wilcote

Sunday 15th May

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Finstock

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

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday Luke 2: 41-end

Tuesday Luke 3: 1-14

Wednesday Luke 3: 15-22

Thursday Luke 4: 1-13

Friday Luke 4: 14-30

Saturday Acts 2: 37-end

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:

St Mary's, Chastleton.

Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Martha Simpson, Roger Simpson, Judith Marshall and the Church Wardens Tessa Jackson & Alastair Jackson.



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PEW SHEET



8th May 2022
4th Sunday of Easter

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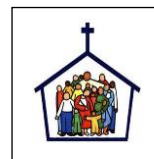
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The Collect



Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Acts 9: 36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed

her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

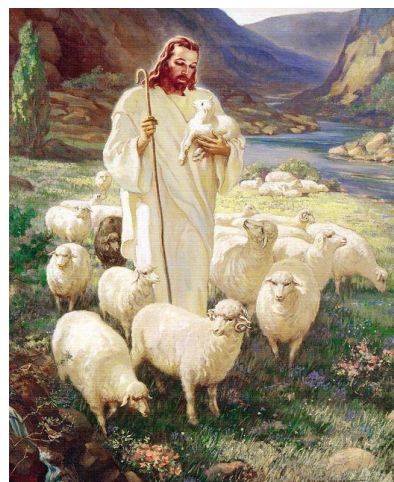
Second Reading **Revelation 7: 9-end**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Reading **John 10: 22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you

do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'



It was always your will
that Israel should find,
in Jesus Christ,
the one who would bring them home,
lost sheep returning
to the Shepherd who is their King.
And to that fold
would come others,
from every nation upon earth,
as prophets had foretold,
including those gathered here today
to honour your name.
Gracious God, we praise you
for the promise of Scripture,
the depth of your love
and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen



**We publish the banns of marriage (2)
between:**

Esme Gardner and Luke Mason
To be married on 10th July 2022
at St Mary's, Cogges