

## This week's services

### Sunday 29th May

10.30am, Holy Communion, BCP, **Wilcote**



### Friday 3rd June

6.00pm, Service to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, **Ramsden**

### Sunday 5th June

10.30am, Service to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, **Leafield**



## These Bible readings are designated for each day

**Monday** Luke 7: 36-end

**Tuesday** Mark 3: 31-end

**Wednesday** Luke 8: 16-25

**Thursday** Luke 8: 26-39

**Friday** Luke 8: 40-end

**Saturday** Luke 9: 1-17

## 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 Philip's, Little Rollright.

Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Martha Simpson, Roger Simpson & Judith Marshall and the Church Wardens Jo Simpson & Richard Simpson.



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## PEW SHEET



**29th May 2022**  
7th Sunday of Easter

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

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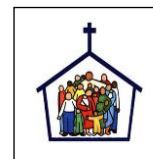
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## The Collect



O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading Acts 16: 16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city;

they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

**Gospel Reading**  
**John 17: 20-end**

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where

I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'



We welcome Tabitha Colette Diana Norris brought for baptism today by her parents Tiffany and Patrick.  
We hope all Tabitha's family and friends who have come to share in her special day enjoy the occasion.  
10.30am, Wilcote



Tiffany and Patrick warmly invite you for drinks after the service at their home just next door to the church.

God bless each step that you take today,  
whether that road is rough or smooth.  
And in God's strength  
step out in faith, step out in love, step out in peace,  
and bless this world with God's presence  
in and through your life.  
May you be a blessing to every life you touch,  
and the Spirit within, that life-giving water,  
be a gift of refreshment  
in love shown and shared with all who are thirsty  
along the road you travel.  
Every morning that you wake  
may you feel the peace  
that can calm the fiercest storm  
may you feel the love  
to forgive and then move on  
may you feel the strength  
to walk and not grow weary  
may you feel the joy  
that is at the heart of being.  
May you feel the presence of God.  
Amen