

This week's services



Sunday 21st January

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

Friday 26th January

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 28th January

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Ramsden**
Pet Blessing Service

Notices

Tuesday 23rd January

Finstock PCC meeting, 7.00pm, 77 High Street, **Finstock**

Wednesday 24th January

Ramsden PCC meeting, 7.00pm, St James', **Ramsden**

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Matthew 26: 1-16</i>
Tuesday	<i>Matthew 26: 17-35</i>
Wednesday	<i>Matthew 26: 36-46</i>
Thursday	<i>Philippians 3: 1-14</i>
Friday	<i>Matthew 26: 57-end</i>
Saturday	<i>Matthew 27: 1-10</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:

SS Simon & Jude, Milton-under-Wychwood.

Please pray for Karen Rizzello

and the Church Wardens Liz Watts & Mike Hartley.

If we as a Church can help in any way,
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PEW SHEET



21st January 2024
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.

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The Collect



Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 Genesis 14: 17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Second Reading **Revelation 19: 6-10**

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Gospel Reading **John 2: 1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and

revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Epiphany

Our pets are a blessing to us...



...join us in blessing them!

Pet Blessing Service
St James' Ramsden
Sunday January 28th
10.30 a.m.

Everyone Welcome, with or without their
four-legged friends
coffee and treats afterwards



CHARLBURY REFUGEE ACTION GROUP

We're collecting items for Calais again

Tents
Mens and boys coats
Sleeping bags and blankets
Jogging bottoms or jeans
New boxer shorts
Socks, hats & gloves
Hoodies & Jumpers
Trainers
Unlocked mobile phones
Powerbanks
Tarpaulins
Rain ponchos
Backpacks

If you can help please follow the instructions on our website. The collection will close on 29th January. **THANK YOU!**

St James' Church Ramsden

is looking for a new Treasurer

This is an essential role in keeping the church open
If you'd like to know more, please email Roz Danks

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