

## This week's services



### Sunday 18th February

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

### Wednesday 21st February

7.30pm, Lent Group, **Ramsden**

### Friday 23rd February

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

### Sunday 25th February

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

These Bible readings are designated for each day

**Monday** Galatians 3: 23-4.7

**Tuesday** Galatians 4: 8-20

**Wednesday** Galatians 4: 21-5.1

**Thursday** Galatians 5: 2-15

**Friday** Galatians 5: 16-end

**Saturday** Galatians 6

**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:**

St Andrew's, Kingham.

Please pray for

David Salter, James Kennedy,  
Martha Simpson & Matt White.



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# PEW SHEET



**18th February 2024**  
1st Sunday of Lent

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

Benefice website:

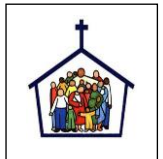
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## The Collect



Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 9: 8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is

seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

## Second Reading 1 Peter 3: 18-end

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## Gospel Reading Mark 1: 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

## Lent Groups 2024

### The way of love

Come and See is a series of daily emails and a short video to watch each Sunday during Lent.

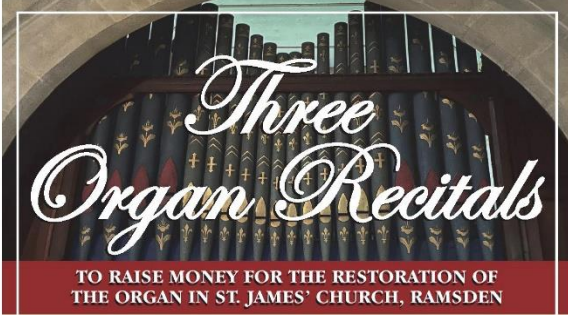
This year we're exploring how each of us is called into a deep relationship of love with God, and what it means to love others well.

Whether you're exploring faith for the first time or have been coming to church for many years, *Come and See* offers life-giving reflections before the busyness of each day begins.

Thousands of people take part in *Come and See* each year. Join us and others this Lent. Find out more online.  
[oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see)

**St James' Church, Ramsden**  
**Ash Wednesday Service:**  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7:30pm.  
**The Lent Group** then meets on:  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Feb,  
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March.  
All meetings begin at 7:30pm.

**COME  
AND  
SEE**



*Three Organ Recitals*

TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE ORGAN IN ST. JAMES' CHURCH, RAMSDEN

~ RECITAL I ~  
Saturday 20th January 2024, 2.30pm  
Organist – Christopher Fletcher-Campbell  
*'A selection of English organ music through the centuries'*

~ RECITAL II ~  
Saturday 17th February 2024, 2.30pm  
Organist – Malcolm Pearce  
*'Wesley, Stainer and Elgar - music from the organ-builder's age'*

~ RECITAL III ~  
Saturday 16th March 2024, 2.30pm  
Organist Sarah Lister with Meryl Davies, Soprano  
*'A range of arias from Baroque to contemporary'*

£10 per recital or £25 if attending all three. Tea and coffee after each recital.  
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All enquiries including reserving and paying for seats to Roz Danks - [stjameschurchramsdn@gmail.com](mailto:stjameschurchramsdn@gmail.com)

## World Day of Prayer

Please join us for a special service  
St Michael's, Leafield  
Friday 1st March, 11.00am



I beg you...Bear with one another in Love

Program written by the  
World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine  
for WDP 2024  
Ephesians 4: 1-3

(Formerly Women's World Day of Prayer)