

## This week's services



### Sunday 3rd March

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leafield**  
6.00pm, Evensong, **Ramsden**

### Wednesday 6th March

7.30pm, Lent Group, **Ramsden**

### Friday 8th March

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

### Sunday 10th March Mothering Sunday

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Ramsden**  
6.00pm, Evening Prayer, **Leafield**

These Bible readings are designated for each day

**Monday** Hebrews 4: 14-5.10

**Tuesday** Hebrews 5: 11-6.12

**Wednesday** Hebrews 6: 13-end

**Thursday** Hebrews 7: 1-10

**Friday** Hebrews 7: 11-end

**Saturday** Hebrews 8

**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 John the Evangelist, Little Tew.

Please pray for William Burke and the Church Warden Claire Freeman.



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## PEW SHEET



**3rd March 2024**  
3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Benefice website:

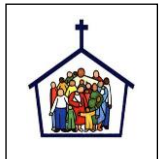
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## The Collect



Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Exodus 20: 1-17

Then God spoke all these words:  
I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall

not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

## **Second Reading** **1 Corinthians 1: 18-25**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.



## **Gospel Reading** **John 2: 13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## 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.

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[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.



### **We publish the banns of marriage (1) between:**

Lucy Madeleine Touche  
and Giles Patrick Newton Skrine  
to be married on 1st June 2024  
at St James', Ramsden  
and  
Abigail Xanthe Cooper  
and Harry Sebastian John Poole  
to be married on 21st June 2024  
at St James', Ramsden

