

## This week's services



### Sunday 17th March

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

### Wednesday 20th March

7.30pm, Lent Group, **Ramsden**

### Friday 22nd March

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

### Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leafield**

These Bible readings are designated for each day

**Monday** Hebrews 11: 17-31

**Tuesday** Matthew 13: 54-end

**Wednesday** Hebrews 12: 3-13

**Thursday** Hebrews 12: 14-end

**Friday** Hebrews 13: 1-16

**Saturday** Hebrews 13: 17-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 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:**

All Saints, Spelsbury.

Please pray for Mark Abrey & Ilona Cheyne and the Church Warden Ken Wakefield.



## PEW SHEET



**17th March 2024**  
5th Sunday of Lent

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

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## The Collect



Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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## **Second Reading** **Hebrews 5: 5-10**

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## **Gospel Reading** **John 12: 20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



## 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**



We welcome  
Tris Bella Cole  
brought for baptism today by her parents  
Kerry and Stephen.  
We hope all Tris's family and friends  
who have come to share in her special day  
enjoy the occasion.  
10.30am, Finstock



### **We publish the banns of marriage (3) 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

