

This week's services



Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leaffield

Tuesday 26th March
7.30pm, Home Communion, BCP,
at the home of Kim Marsh

Wednesday 27th March
7.30pm, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden

Thursday 28th March Maundy Thursday
9.30am, Eastertide Service, Leaffield
with Finstock & Leaffield Schools, All welcome

Friday 29th March Good Friday
10.30am, Service of the Word, Finstock
12 noon, Service of the Word, Leaffield
2.00pm, Service of the Word, Ramsden
6.30pm, Evening Prayer, Wilcote

Sunday 31st March Easter Day
6.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leaffield Tump
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Finstock
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden
10.30am, Holy Light, Leaffield

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday Luke 22: 1-23
Tuesday Luke 22: 39-53
Wednesday Luke 22: 54-end
Thursday Luke 23: 1-25
Friday Hebrews 10: 1-10
Saturday John 2: 18-22

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, Great Rollright.

Please pray for
Janet Faull, Janet Collins & Keith Disney
and the Church Warden Sarah Durham

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PEW SHEET



24th March 2024
Palm Sunday

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The Collect



Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love
towards the human race sent
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take
upon him our flesh and to suffer death
upon the cross: grant that we may follow
the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection; 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 Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a
teacher, that I may know how to sustain the
weary with a word. Morning by morning he
wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those
who are taught. The Lord God has opened
my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not
turn backwards. I gave my back to those
who struck me, and my cheeks to those
who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my
face from insult and spitting. The Lord God
helps me; therefore I have not been
disgraced; therefore I have set my face like
flint, and I know that I shall not be put to
shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who
will contend with me? Let us stand up
together. Who are my adversaries? Let

them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Second Reading **Philippians 2: 5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading **Mark 14: 1-end of 15**

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.' While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance

of her.' Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.....
.....While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'.....

.....Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!' There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

