

## This week's services



### Sunday 21st April

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

### Friday 26th April

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

### Sunday 28th April

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Ramsden**

## Notices

### Sunday 21st April

Leaffield APCM, 11.45am, St Michael's, **Leaffield**

These Bible readings are designated for each day

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Luke 2: 41-end</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Ephesians 6: 10-20</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Luke 3: 15-22</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Acts 12: 25-13.13</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Luke 4: 14-30</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Luke 4: 31-37</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:**

Holy Trinity, Finstock with Fawler.

Please pray for Paul Mansell, Gail Ward, Hadley Bennet & Sarah Jones and the Church Warden Marian Miller.



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# PEW SHEET



**21st April 2024**  
4th Sunday of Easter

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

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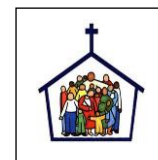
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## The Collect



Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading

**Acts 4: 5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become

the cornerstone.” There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

**Gospel Reading**  
**John 10: 11-18**

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’



The author, Mark Twain, died on this day in 1901. He wrote ‘The Prince and the Pauper’. His two most famous books ‘Tom Sawyer’ and ‘Huckleberry Finn’ are set in the southern United States where he was born. His name at birth was Samuel Clemens, but he wanted to choose a different name (a “pen name”) under which to write. Samuel Clemens had worked as a river pilot with boatmen along the great River Mississippi, over 2,300 miles (3,700 kilometres) in length. A century ago, when boat captains wanted to know if the water below them was shallow, a sailor would let into the water a length of weighted twain (string), already measured out at two fathoms (12 feet or 3.6 metres). “Mark twain” would be the shout of the sailor when the boat was in shallow water, and so the captain would know to be very careful. Hearing those two words so often, Samuel Clemens decided to adopt them as his pen-name under which to write his books. Mark Twain made many interesting comments throughout his life. On one occasion he said: “I can live for six months on a compliment.” Let’s each think in silence for a moment of two occasions when good things were said of us, and how we felt on receiving those compliments. Let’s each think in silence for a moment of two people we can encourage today with a genuine compliment. Let’s think what we might say to them when the time is right...

**Father,**  
**that I may treat others**  
**as I would like them to treat me.**  
**That I may forgive others**  
**as I would like them to forgive me.**  
**That I may encourage and compliment others**  
**in the same way that I would like them**  
**to encourage me.**  
**That I may see and love in others**  
**what I would like them to see and love in me.**  
**These things I ask through Christ our Lord.**  
*Amen*



**We publish the banns of marriage (2)**  
**between:**

Lucy Madeleine Touche  
and Giles Patrick Newton Skrine  
to be married on 1st June 2024  
at St Michael’s, Leaffield



Almighty and ever-living God,  
give us new strength  
from the courage of Christ our shepherd,  
and lead us to join the saints in heaven,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.