

This week's services



Sunday 5th May

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

Thursday 9th May

7.30pm, Ascension Day Service, **Ramsden**

Friday 10th May

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 12th May

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

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Luke 6: 27-38</i>
Tuesday	<i>Luke 6: 39-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>Colossians 2: 20-3.4</i>
Thursday	<i>Hebrews 7: 26-end</i>
Friday	<i>Luke 7: 11-17</i>
Saturday	<i>Luke 7: 18-35</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:

St John the Baptist, Fifield.

Please pray for Karen Rizzello and the Church Wardens

Catherine Hitchens & Mary Champness.



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PEW SHEET



5th May 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

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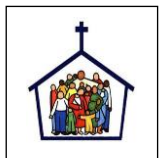
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The Collect



God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

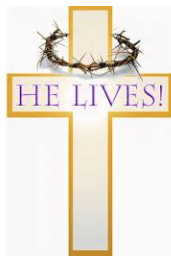
First Reading

Acts 10: 44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Gospel Reading
John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



Britain's history would have been very different if the country had remained linked by land to the rest of Europe, instead of there being that wide strip of water we call the English Channel. In time of war the Channel has protected us from invasion and occupation. The English Channel is 34km (21 miles) wide at its narrowest part across the Strait of Dover. Several attempts have been made to create a tunnel that would link Britain with mainland Europe. Tomorrow, 6th May, is the anniversary of the formal Opening of the Channel Tunnel in 1994. The Queen addressed the French President, Monsieur Mitterand, saying that the two nations complemented each other well, despite individual diversity and age-long rivalry. When uniting in a common cause (such as in the Second World War) unity between the two countries was very successful, she said. The building of the Channel Tunnel reminds us to focus on what unites people rather than on what separates and divides.

**Lord,
lead us to be peace-makers,
building connections between individuals,
focusing on what unites people
rather than on what separates us
and highlights our differences.**

**Lord,
it's easy to harm relationships;
instead, give us the power of your Spirit
that we may build up
and make new the bonds between people.**

Amen



Ascension Day Service

Thursday 9th May

7.30pm

St James', Ramsden

with

Bishop Gavin



Halleluia!

Jesus is risen!

He is risen indeed!

May this declaration
resound not only in these walls
but touch the lives of all we meet
and forever be
the truth of which we speak.

Your love,

once sown within a garden,
tended for your own people,
neglected and rejected,
now spreads its sweet perfume
in this place and wherever it is shown.

Halleluia!

Jesus is risen!

He is risen indeed!