

This week's services



Sunday 11th August

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

Sunday 18th August

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Finstock

Everyone welcome at all services!



These Bible readings are designated for each day

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| Monday | Acts 6 |
| Tuesday | Acts 7: 1-16 |
| Wednesday | Acts 7: 17-43 |
| Thursday | Luke 11: 27-28 |
| Friday | Acts 7: 54-8.3 |
| Saturday | Acts 8: 4-25 |

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.



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PEW SHEET



11th August 2024
11th Sunday after Trinity

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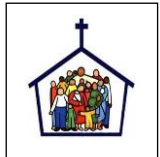


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The Collect



O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:

mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

1 Kings 19: 4-8

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and

drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Second Reading **Ephesians 4: 25-5.2**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel Reading **John 6: 35, 41-51**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness,

and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Astronomers are able to predict with accuracy the dates and times of eclipses of the moon or the sun. An eclipse of the sun is observed when part of the sun appears black. The moon has moved between the sun and the earth, blocking out at least some of the sun's light reaching the earth. A total eclipse of the sun occurs when the moon completely blocks out the sun's light, and so that part of the earth is then completely in the moon's shadow. At 12.10pm on this day in 1999 a 2 minute total eclipse of the sun was observed in west Cornwall. Britain's next total solar eclipse won't be until 2090. The previous total eclipse in Britain was in 1927 in northern England.

When it was announced in France in 1560 that an eclipse of the sun would occur, many people thought the end of the world was approaching. People panicked and began fighting with each other for a place in queues to see priests for 'Confession'. During a solar eclipse the outer part of the sun's atmosphere becomes visible. In normal circumstances the intense brightness of the sun itself prevents us from distinguishing the outer part, called the corona. The sun is 400 times wider than the moon, and happens to be 400 times further away from the earth than is the moon. This coincidence results in the sun and the moon appearing to be the same size when viewed from the earth. An eclipse of the moon takes place when the reflected light from the moon is cut off because the moon travels into the shadow cast by the earth. The earth lies in between the sun and the moon.

There is a saying: "Be like the sundial that records only the light and goodness of the day."

**Lord Jesus,
you are the light of the world.
Let us never cut ourselves off
either from the light and life that you give to us,
or from the good influence that others have on us.
When we encounter darkness in our lives,
enable us to bring to it the light
that we already have within us.**

Amen

