

This week's services



Sunday 29th September

10.30am, Holy Communion, BCP, **Wilcote**

Tuesday 1st October

9.30am, Harvest Service with Leaffield School,
Leaffield

Friday 4th October

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 6th October

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leaffield**
Harvest Service

Everyone welcome at all services!

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Acts 26: 1-23</i>
Tuesday	<i>Acts 26: 24-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>Acts 27: 1-26</i>
Thursday	<i>Acts 27: 27-end</i>
Friday	<i>Acts 28: 1-16</i>
Saturday	<i>Acts 28: 17-end</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.



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PEW SHEET



29th September 2024
Michael & All Angels
18th Sunday after Trinity

Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.

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The Collect



Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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

Genesis 28: 10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with

you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’

Second Reading
Revelation 12: 7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

Gospel Reading
John 1: 47-end

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

We publish the banns of marriage (2) between:

Jennifer Alice Young
and John William Mckenzie
to be married on 30th November 2024
at St Paul’s Church, Highwood, Essex



Leaffield Coffee Morning
Saturday 5th October
St Michael’s Church, Leaffield

10.30am-12.00pm

Join us for coffee, tea, cake and chat!



The ‘Pink Panther’ comedy films starred Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau, with Herbert Lom as Chief Inspector Dreyfus. Clouseau, speaking with an outrageous French accent that leads people to query what he is saying, bungles all that he does and creates trouble for everyone around. Yet he always wins through and captures the criminals who sometimes find him so frustrating that they give themselves up. At the start of the 1976 film, ‘The Pink Panther Strikes Again’, a real-life French man is quoted. Émile Coué had recommended to patients that they recite some words up to 30 times a day, and it is these words that are quoted in the film: “Each day and in every way I am becoming better and better.” Coué’s idea was that this would be a way of getting people to realise that, if they are positive about life, they have the potential to be able to help themselves in some ways. In 1922, whilst on a ship approaching New York, a 100-miles-an-hour gale made most people very sea-sick. It was reported that Émile Coué was not sick, but was repeating to himself in his own language: “Each day and in every way I am becoming better and better.”

Lord God,

keep in me a sense of humour
and the ability to laugh at myself.

Lead me always to be positive,
looking for the best in people and in situations.

Each day and in every way
may I grow in the love of the Father
and the presence of the Son,
and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

