

## This week's services



### Sunday 13th October

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

### Wednesday 16th October

1.00pm, Harvest Service with Finstock School,  
Finstock

### Friday 18th October

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, Wilcote

### Sunday 20th October

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Finstock  
**Harvest Service**  
4.00pm, Leaffield Light, Leaffield

Everyone welcome at all services!

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	1 Timothy 1: 1-17
Tuesday	1 Timothy 1: 18-end of 2
Wednesday	1 Timothy 3
Thursday	1 Timothy 4
Friday	Luke 1: 1-4
Saturday	1 Timothy 5: 17-end

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 Mary's, Chipping Norton.

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter & Matt White and the Church Wardens  
Graham Povey & Linda Carpenter



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## PEW SHEET



**13th October 2024**  
20th Sunday after Trinity

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

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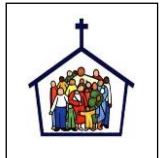
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## The Collect



God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live;

and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**Second Reading**  
**Hebrews 4: 12-end**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Gospel Reading**  
**Mark 10: 17-31**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to

go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

In the 1800s, as European settlers moved further west in the United States of America, attempts were made to restrict the Native Americans to 'Indian Reservations'. Chief Seattle of the Suquamish Tribe (in what is now the State of Washington) spoke about his people's love of and respect for the land. We'll hear part of "Chief Seattle's Testimony": "The Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land. We will consider your offer, for we know that if we do not sell, the white man may come with guns and take our land. "How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them? "Every part of this earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every humming insect is holy in the memory and experience of my people. "The perfumed flowers are our sisters. The deer, the horse, the great eagle—these are our brothers. "So, when the Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land, he asks much of us, for this land is sacred to us. "The earth is not the white man's brother but his enemy, and when he has conquered it he moves on. He kidnaps the earth from his children and does not care. He treats his mother, the earth, and his brother, the sky, as things to be bought, plundered, sold like sheep or bright beads. His appetite will devour the earth and leave behind only a desert. "This earth is precious to God, and to harm the earth is to heap contempt on its Creator. Preserve the land for your children with all your strength, with all your mind, and with all your heart, and love it - as God loves us all."

**Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds,  
and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me!  
I am small and weak; I need your strength and wisdom.  
Let me walk in beauty,  
and may my eyes always see the red and purple sunset.  
May my hands respect the things that you have made,  
and my ears be sharp to hear your voice.  
Make me wise so that I may understand the things  
that you have taught my people.  
Let me learn the lessons  
that you have hidden in every leaf and rock.  
Make me always ready to be with you  
with clean hands and straight eyes.  
So, when life fades as the fading sunset,  
my spirit may come to you without shame.**  
*Amen*