

Hello and welcome to the second edition of the new bi-monthly newsletter from Forest Edge Benefice! In this space, we will keep you updated on the latest church news from Leaffield, Finstock, Ramsden, and Wilcote. To add information to the next newsletter please email admin@forestedgebenefice.co.uk.

Reverend Paul Mansell



Attending meetings of General Synod, the legislative body of the Church of England, can be an eye-opening experience. As Synod mirrors the broader polarisation seen in modern Britain, meetings are often lively! The ferocity of debate over a wide range of issues is striking, and yet, at the end of each day, participants who have fiercely contested one another in discussions come together in worship, embodying a remarkable sense of unity and shared purpose.

Debates within General Synod can be intense, reflecting the deep convictions held by its members. Issues such as same-sex marriage and the Church's stance on climate change are just a couple of topics that have sparked vigorous discussions. These debates are not merely academic; they are deeply personal and often touch on fundamental beliefs and values.

Despite the fierce debates, a remarkable transformation occurs at the end of each day. Members of General Synod, who may have been at each other's throats during discussions, come together in worship. This shared act of devotion transcends the differences that divide them, creating a sense of unity and common purpose.

Worship serves as a powerful unifying force for us all. It provides a space where each person can set aside their disagreements and focus on our shared faith. The act of worshipping together reminds us of our common commitment to Christ, fostering a spirit of reconciliation and mutual respect.

St. Michael's Church, Leafield NEW RAMP APPEAL

Last year, we installed new handrails at the porch steps of St. Michael's Church, as well as at the Chancel steps. We are eager to continue enhancing the church's accessibility by adding a permanent ramp at the west door.

The project will be carried out in two phases: first, we will construct the ramp, followed by modifications inside the church to allow wheelchair access throughout the entire building. The estimated cost for the ramp only is around £2,500 (stage 1).

We plan to seek grants to help cover some of the expenses, but any donations from those who are able would be immensely appreciated.

For more information, please reach out to Heather at heather.hill8591@gmail.com.

Leafield Light



Leafield Light is a lay-led Christian service organised by a group of eight dedicated individuals. It is usually held at St. Michael's Church on the third Sunday of every month, now starting at the new time of 4 PM.

We take great pleasure in planning these services, which may feature a guest speaker or live music on a specific theme of God's Kingdom.

The services are very family-friendly and easy to follow. We warmly invite you and your families to discover God's message for us all. Everyone is welcome!

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY



Holy Trinity
FINSTOCK

Sunday 16th Feb

10:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd Feb

10:30am - Holy Communion



St. Michael
& All Angels
LEAFIELD

Sunday 2nd Feb

10:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday 9th Feb

6pm - Evening Prayer

Sunday 16th Feb

4pm - Leafield Light



St. Peter's
WILCOTE

Friday 7th Feb

6:30pm - Evening Prayer

Friday 14th Feb

6:30pm - Evening Prayer

Friday 21st Feb

6:30pm - Evening Prayer

Friday 28th Feb

6:30pm - Evening Prayer



St. James's
RAMSDEN

Tuesday 4th Feb

8am - Morning Prayer

Sunday 9th Feb

10:30am - Holy Communion

Tuesday 11th Feb

8am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 18th Feb

8am - Morning Prayer

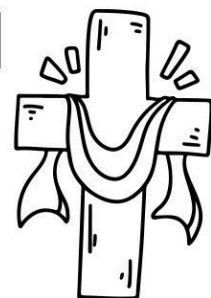
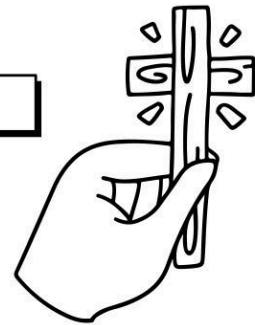
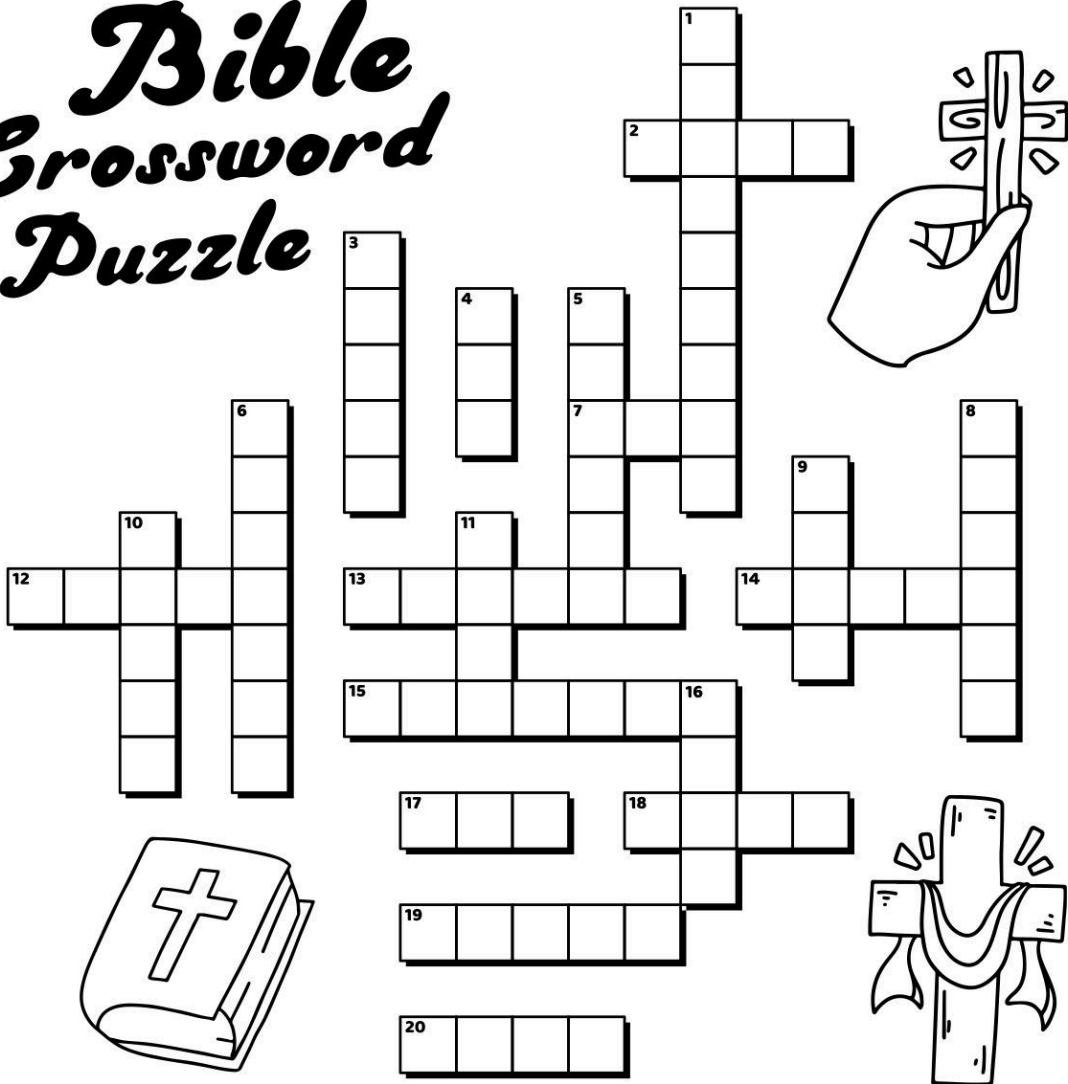
Tuesday 25th Feb

8am - Morning Prayer

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Bible Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. This led the wise men to baby Jesus
7. The first woman
12. The queen of what country came to see Solomon
13. What is it called when we talk to God?
14. Who wrote the 23rd Psalm?
15. Wisest man in the world
17. God created the world in how many days?
18. Two ladies argued about this
19. Who parted the Red Sea?
20. What kind of bird did Noah send out of the ark to see if the land was dry?

Down

1. The town Jesus was born in
3. Long sharp weapon
4. Who created everything?
5. How many disciples did Jesus have?
6. Who was the first Jew?
8. What Solomon asked God for
9. The first man
10. Who is a descendant of Abraham and King David, and is the Savior of the world?
11. The first king of Israel who died in battle with his son, Jonathon
16. He built the ark

