

This week's services



Sunday 15th December

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Finstock**
with Carols & Readings
6.00pm, Christmas Light, **Leafield**

Tuesday 17th December

9.30am, Leafield School Christingle Service, **Leafield**

Friday 20th December

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 22nd December

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leafield**

Everyone welcome at all services!



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5: 12-end
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 1
Thursday	2 Thessalonians 2
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3
Saturday	Jude

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



15th December 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent

Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.

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<http://www.forestedgebenefice.co.uk>

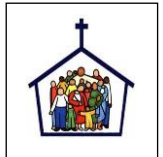
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The Collect



O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Zephaniah 3: 14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from

you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Second Reading
Philippians 4: 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading
Luke 3: 7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy

to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

You challenge us this Advent time
This season of preparation
To put aside our pride
and understand our need for repentance,
forgiveness and mercy
Less of self, more of you
Preparation for our journey
to the stable and beyond
Purify our hearts
Sanctify our lives
That we might serve you
faithfully this day and all days.
Amen



**Christmas Services in the
Forest Edge Benefice**

Christmas Eve

4.00pm, Family Carol Service, Finstock
6.00pm, Traditional Carol Service,
Ramsden

Christmas Day

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leaffield
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Ramsden

