

This week's services



Sunday 19th January

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

Friday 24th January

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 26th January

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Ramsden**

Everyone welcome at all services!

Notices

Wednesday 22nd January

Ramsden PCC meeting, 7.00pm, St James', Ramsden

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	1 Corinthians 6: 1-11
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6: 12-end
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 7: 1-24
Thursday	1 Corinthians 7: 25-end
Friday	1 Corinthians 8
Saturday	Philippians 3: 1-14

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:

SS Simon & Jude, Milton-under-Wychwood.

Please pray for Sarah Sharp & Karen Rizzello and the Church Wardens Liz Watts and Mike Hartley.



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PEW SHEET



19th January 2025
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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The Collect



Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 Isaiah 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your

builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

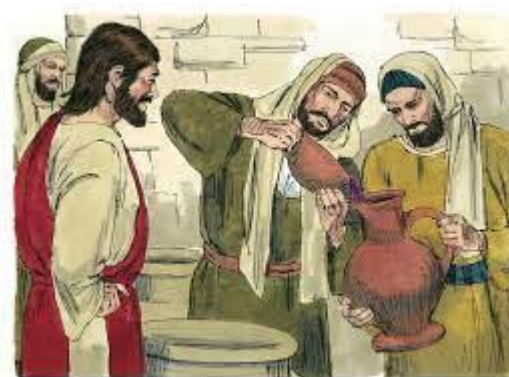
Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel Reading

John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they

took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



For love that offers refreshment
to all who drink of it
Light to all who walk in it
Strength to all who hope in it
Healing to all who have need if it
Wholeness to all who live in it
This is the God we serve
The God we worship
The God we proclaim
This day and all days
with our words and our lives.

When a General Election in Britain produces a new Prime Minister, he or she takes over the government on that very day. In the United States, a new President does not take up office until the 20th January, known as "Inauguration Day". 20th January in 1961 was the Inauguration Day of the 43-year old President, John F Kennedy. In his inaugural speech, he reflected on personal responsibility when he said: "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." Whilst each of us has rights, we also have responsibilities towards others.

**God our Father,
with the gifts you have given to us
we have responsibilities and duties.
Inspire us to take the initiative
in treating others
as we would like them to treat us
Amen**