

This week's services



Sunday 6th April

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

Tuesday 8th April

8.00am, Morning Prayer, **Ramsden**

Friday 11th April

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday

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

6.00pm, Evening Prayer, **Leaffield**



Everyone welcome at all services!

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>John 11: 28-44</i>
Tuesday	<i>John 11: 45-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>John 12: 1-11</i>
Thursday	<i>John 12: 12-19</i>
Friday	<i>John 12: 20-36a</i>
Saturday	<i>John 12: 36b-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,** and particularly this week:

St Kenelm's, Enstone.

Please pray for Mark Abrey & Ilona Cheyne.



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PEW SHEET



6th April 2025
5th Sunday of Lent

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The Collect



Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 43: 16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Second Reading
Philippians 3: 4b-14

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading
John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief;

he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Your forgiveness is total,
no notebook,
tape recorder,
or post-it note
to remind you of that moment
when.....

You take our confession,
offered with hands outstretched,
and gently,
like the loving
heavenly Father that you are,
put it to one side
to be forgotten.

No grudges, no itching for judgement,
no resentment or ill-will.

Not like us
who find it easy to say sorry,
but so hard to forgive
absolutely.

Forgive us, Father,
that we are often more willing
to accept forgiveness,
than to forgive,
more willing to accept your love,
than to share it with those
who have hurt us.

Teach us to forgive,
as you forgive.

Amen



Notices

Sunday 6th April
Leaffield **APCM**, 11.45am, St Michael's, **Leaffield**

Tuesday 8th April
Finstock **APCM**, 7.00pm, Holy Trinity, **Finstock**

Wednesday 9th April
Ramsden **APCM**, 7.00pm, St James., **Ramsden**