

## This week's services



### Sunday 27th April

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden

### Tuesday 29th April

8.00am, Morning Prayer, Ramsden

### Friday 2nd May

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, Wilcote

### Sunday 4th May

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leaffield



Everyone welcome at all services!

These Bible readings are designated for each day

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Ephesians 6: 10-20</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Acts 12: 25-13.13</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>John 20: 19-end</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>James 1: 1-12</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>John 21: 15-19</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>John 21: 20-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 John the Baptist, Fifield.

Please pray for Sarah Sharp & Karen Rizzello.  
and the Church Wardens Catherine Hitchens  
& Mary Champness.



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## PEW SHEET



**27th April 2025**  
2nd Sunday of Easter

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

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## The Collect



Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading Acts 5: 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

**Gospel Reading**  
**John 20: 19-end**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



We thank you  
that Easter is not about  
a people,  
but all people,  
that your love  
and your Salvation  
are for all who confess  
with voices, hearts and lives  
that the tomb is empty  
because Jesus is risen,  
that we might know  
forgiveness,  
that lives might be  
reborn  
and your name  
glorified  
now and for eternity  
Amen

Leaffield Coffee Morning  
Saturday 3rd May  
St Michael's Church, Leaffield  
10.30am-12.00pm

Join us for coffee, tea, cake and chat!



**We publish the banns of marriage (1)  
between:**

Alice Martin and Antony Norman  
to be married on 7th June 2025  
at St Peter's, Wilcote.

