

This week's services



Sunday 10th May

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Ramsden**
6.00pm, Evening Prayer, **Leafield**

Friday 15th May

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 17th May

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Finstock**



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Luke 6: 27-38</i>
Tuesday	<i>Luke 6: 39-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>Luke 7: 1-10</i>
Thursday	<i>Hebrews 7: 26-end</i>
Friday	<i>Acts 2: 37-end</i>
Saturday	<i>Luke 7: 18-35</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 Peter's, Hook Norton.

Please pray for Janet Collins & Keith Disney
and the Church Wardens
Judith Ormerod & Alice Davies.



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PEW SHEET



10th May 2026
6th Sunday of Easter

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The Collect



God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence

and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Gospel Reading
John 14: 15-21

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’



We welcome
Neve Higginson
brought for baptism today by her parents
Charlotte and Luke.
We hope all Neve’s family and friends
who have come to share in her special day
enjoy the occasion.
10.30am, Ramsden



Spring arrives with a gentle whisper, a season of renewal that mirrors the spiritual awakenings possible in our lives. As the earth shakes off its winter slumber, bursting forth with new life, colour, and warmth, we too are invited to embrace a season of spiritual growth and vibrant faith. The lengthening days and the promise of abundance serve as a beautiful reminder of God’s faithfulness and His constant desire to bring forth newness in us.

This period is a perfect time to reflect on the cycles of nature and to align our hearts with the divine rhythm of renewal that God orchestrates.

The spiritual significance of spring is profound, offering a rich tapestry of metaphors for our faith journey. Just as seeds buried in the soil await the sun and rain to sprout, our spirits often lie dormant, waiting for the touch of God’s grace to awaken them. The blossoming flowers and budding trees speak of hope and the promise of a fruitful future, reminding us that even after periods of barrenness, God can bring forth beauty and life. This season encourages us to cultivate a deeper reliance on God’s power, recognizing that true transformation and strength come not from our own efforts, but from His abundant provision.

Engaging in prayer during this season amplifies our connection with the divine. Prayer is our direct line to the Creator, a sacred space where we can pour out our hearts, seek guidance, and receive the strength to navigate life’s challenges. As we observe the natural world coming alive, let us also commit to nurturing our spiritual lives through consistent prayer. This devotional practice helps us to remain rooted in faith, drawing sustenance from God’s Word and His ever-present love, allowing us to flourish in every season of life.

