

This week's services



Sunday 15th February

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

Friday 20th February

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 22nd February

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



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Galatians 1</i>
Tuesday	<i>Galatians 2: 1-10</i>
Wednesday	<i>1 Timothy 6: 6-19</i>
Thursday	<i>Galatians 2: 11-end</i>
Friday	<i>Galatians 3: 1-14</i>
Saturday	<i>Galatians 3: 15-22</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:

Wychwood Primary School.

Please pray for the Headteacher Katy Gent and her team.



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PEW SHEET



15th February 2026

Sunday next before Lent

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when you leave.

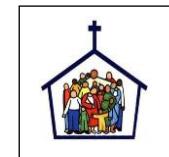
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The Collect



Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Exodus 24: 12-end

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the

Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Second Reading **2 Peter 1: 16-end**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 17: 1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down

the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Lord,
in the midst of Winter,
when the days are cold
and wind can pierce,
remind us of the warmth of your love.

When days are short,
dawn comes late
and dusk arrives early
remind us that in the darkness
your light still shines.

When the flowers of spring
still lie hidden in the earth,
when leaves are off the trees
and the world can seem bleak,
remind us that Easter
is but a short time away.

And when in our lives
we feel as if we are experiencing
a season of winter,
reach out to us with the power
of your resurrection
so that we may feel
the warmth of your love
and see your light,
that alone can take away
the darkness of our soul.

Amen.

