

This week's services



Sunday 15th March

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

Friday 20th March

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 22nd March

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



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Hebrews 9: 1-14</i>
Tuesday	<i>Hebrews 9: 15-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>Hebrews 10: 1-18</i>
Thursday	<i>Matthew 13: 54-end</i>
Friday	<i>Hebrews 10: 26-end</i>
Saturday	<i>Hebrews 11: 1-16</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:

Leaffield Primary School.

Please pray for the Headteacher

Rhiannon Abberley & Team



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PEW SHEET



15th March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

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when you leave.

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The Collect



God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

1 Samuel 1: 20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may

the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Second Reading
2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel Reading
Luke 2: 33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Creator God,
We thank you for your love
which shapes us and helps us to grow.
On this Mothering Sunday
we give thanks for women
who have been examples of self-giving love,
who have given time, wisdom and care
to the nurture of children,
their own or others.
We pray for those
who find this a difficult day,
who do not have happy memories
of their own mothers,
those who grieve for their mothers
or for their children,
and those who long to be mothers
but cannot be.

We remember mothers in the Bible,
giving thanks for the tenacity of Sarah
the generosity of Hannah
and the courage of Mary.
May your Spirit continue to shape us,
heal us and guide us today.

Amen

**We publish the banns of marriage (3)
between:**

Krystle Louise Peacock and Colin Brian O'Dell
to be married on 25th April 2026
at St Michael and All Angels, Leafield.

Millie Harley and Danny Boyle
to be married on 23rd May 2026
at St Mary's, Charlbury.

Christina Ruth Ballard
and Thomas Jeremy Denyer Lord
to be married on 23rd May 2026
at St James', Ramsden.

Rebecca Ann Owen and Jake Gary Cadman
to be married on 30th May 2026
at St Michael and All Angels, Leafield.

