

This week's services



Sunday 16th August

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

Friday 21st August

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 23rd August

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



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	Acts 6
Tuesday	Acts 7: 1-16
Wednesday	Acts 7: 17-43
Thursday	Acts 7: 44-53
Friday	Acts 7: 54-8.3
Saturday	Acts 8: 4-25

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.



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PEW SHEET



16th August 2026
11th Sunday after Trinity

Please take this pew sheet with you
when you leave.

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<http://www.forestedgebenefice.co.uk>

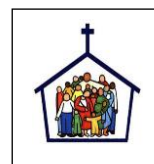
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The Collect



O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Second Reading
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.



Jesus,
thank You for this season
of warm days and fresh air.
I need time to get out of the house,
get outside, breathe fresh air,
and experience
Your magnificent creation
that You have made.
Help me keep my eyes on You
throughout the summer
and not focus
on things such as money
and materialistic possessions.
Please help me
to change and grow,
to become more like You.
Thank You for Your guidance
and for building my faith
so that I may follow You boldly
in the days ahead.
In Your name,
Amen.



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

Chloe Bennett and Zebb Guy
to be married on 2nd October 2026
at St John the Baptist Church, Elmore.

