

This week's services



Sunday 19th July

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

Friday 24th July

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 26th July

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Ramsden**



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Luke 22: 24-30</i>
Tuesday	<i>Luke 22: 31-38</i>
Wednesday	<i>Luke 8: 1-3</i>
Thursday	<i>Luke 22: 47-62</i>
Friday	<i>Luke 22: 63-end</i>
Saturday	<i>Luke 9: 46-56</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 Michael & All Angels, Leafield with Wychwood.

Please pray for Paul Mansell, Gail Ward and Sarah Jones.



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PEW SHEET



19th July 2026
7th Sunday after Trinity

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when you leave.

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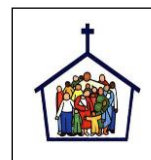
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The Collect



Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good
things: graft in our hearts the
love of your name, increase in us true
religion, nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the
same; 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

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

For neither is there any god besides you,
whose care is for all people, to whom you
should prove that you have not judged
unjustly; For your strength is the source of
righteousness, and your sovereignty over
all causes you to spare all. For you show
your strength when people doubt the
completeness of your power, and you
rebuke any insolence among those who
know it. Although you are sovereign in
strength, you judge with mildness, and with
great forbearance you govern us; for you
have power to act whenever you choose.
Through such works you have taught your
people that the righteous must be kind, and

you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Second Reading **Romans 8: 12-25**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43**

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,

“Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Lord,
thank you for summer,
for green grass
and honeysuckle,
leafy trees
running streams
bare feet
balmy days
singing birds
laughing children
sunshine
clear skies
the smell after summer rain.

Amen

