

This week's services

Sunday 20th September

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



Friday 25th September

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 27th September

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leaffield**
Patronal Festival Celebration

Notices

Tuesday 22nd September

Leaffield PCC meeting, 3.30pm, St Michael's, Leaffield
Finstock PCC meeting, 7.00pm, at Kirsten Ireland's home

Wednesday 23rd September

Ramsden PCC meeting, 7.00pm, St James', Ramsden
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These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	2 Timothy 3: 14-end
Tuesday	Acts 19: 21-end
Wednesday	Acts 20: 1-16
Thursday	Acts 20: 17-end
Friday	Acts 21: 1-16
Saturday	Acts 21: 17-36

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, 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



20th September 2026

16th Sunday after Trinity

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when you leave.

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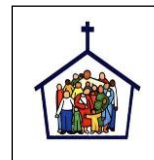
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The Collect



O Lord, we beseech you
mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon
you; and grant that they may both perceive
and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Jonah 3: 10-end of 4

When God saw what they did, how they
turned from their evil ways, God changed
his mind about the calamity that he had
said he would bring upon them; and he did
not do it. But this was very displeasing to
Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to
the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I
said while I was still in my own country?
That is why I fled to Tarshish at the
beginning; for I knew that you are a
gracious God and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love, and ready
to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord,
please take my life from me, for it is better
for me to die than to live.' And the Lord
said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then
Jonah went out of the city and sat down

east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Second Reading **Philippians 1: 21-end**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 20: 1-16**

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'



We welcome
Roman Scott Mason Brewer
brought for baptism today by his parents
Charis and Joseph.
We hope all Roman's family and friends
who have come to share in his special day
enjoy the occasion.
10.30am, Finstock

