

This week's services



Sunday 21st September

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

Tuesday 23rd September

8.00am, Morning Prayer, **Ramsden**

Friday 26th September

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 28th September

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

6.00pm, Patronal Festival Celebration, **Leaffield**

Everyone welcome at all services!

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Mark 9: 38-end</i>
Tuesday	<i>Mark 10: 1-16</i>
Wednesday	<i>Mark 10: 17-31</i>
Thursday	<i>Mark 10: 32-34</i>
Friday	<i>Mark 10: 35-45</i>
Saturday	<i>Mark 10: 46-end</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 Mary, Salford.

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter,
Matt White & Ollie Shaw
and the Churchwardens
Sally Chambers & Nick Chambers



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PEW SHEET



21st September 2025

Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
14th Sunday after Trinity

Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.

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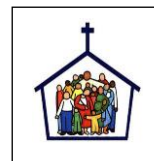
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The Collect



O almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Proverbs 3: 13-18

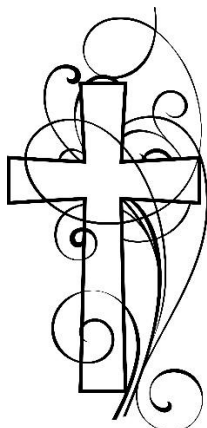
Happy are those who find wisdom and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 4: 1-6**

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 9: 9-13**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."



We praise you
when the harvest is plenty.

We thank you
for the abundance
and overflow of goodness
and blessings you give us.

How humbled we are
at your favour in our lives.

As we find ourselves
in a season of richness,
may you cause our hearts
to remember others.

As your word instructs us,
guide us to be helpers
to those in need,
givers to those who have less,
and generous with our time,
talents, and resources.

We want to be obedient
and faithful to you
by giving to others
the overflow of what we have,
so that you would bless the work
of our hands.

We ask to be cheerful givers
and to be representatives
of your love in this world.

Amen



Notices

Tuesday 23rd September

Leaffield PCC meeting, 3.45pm,
St Michael's, Leaffield

Wednesday 24th September

Ramsden PCC meeting, 7.00pm,
St James', Ramsden