

## This week's services



### Sunday 25th January

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

### Friday 30th January

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

### Sunday 1st February

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leafield**



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	Matthew 26: 1-16
Tuesday	Matthew 26: 17-35
Wednesday	Matthew 26: 36-46
Thursday	Matthew 26: 47-56
Friday	Matthew 26: 57-end
Saturday	Matthew 27: 1-10

### 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 Andrew's, Great Rollright.

Please pray for Janet Collins & Keith Disney and the Church Wardens

Michael Napier & Gavin Southwell.



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## PEW SHEET



**25th January 2026**

Conversion of Paul  
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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Please take this pew sheet with you  
when you leave.

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### The Collect



Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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 Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over

nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

### **Second Reading** *Galatians 1: 11-16a*

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being,

### **Gospel Reading** *Matthew 19: 27-end*

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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### **Notices**

#### **Tuesday 27th January**

Leafield PCC meeting, 3.30pm,  
St Michael's, Leafield

#### **Tuesday 27th January**

Finstock PCC meeting, 7.00pm,  
At the home of Kirsten Ireland

#### **Wednesday 28th November**

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

Those who have been on holiday to Malta, may know that one of the bays is called Saint Paul's Bay, in the north of the island. It bears that name because Saint Paul was shipwrecked there on his way to prison in Rome. Today is the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. Originally he was known as "Saul", a Jewish leader who worked hard for the total destruction of the Christian Church, going from house to house to arrest people and put them in prison. This persecution was taking place after the Resurrection of Jesus, as more and more people became Christians. On a journey to Damascus, though, Saul was struck blind by a bright light suddenly shining around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Saul asked: "Who are you?" The voice replied: "I am Jesus of Nazareth, and you are persecuting me." Saul asked: "What am I to do, Lord?" The voice replied: "Stand up and go into Damascus. There you will be told what to do." Blind as he now was, Saul's companions had to lead him by the hand into Damascus. After three days, a man called Ananias had a vision, telling him to visit the blind Saul. At first he resisted, knowing that Saul had set out to imprison Christians, not to become one of them! He wondered if this was a trap, but the Lord told him: "You must go all the same, because Saul is the one I have chosen to bring the Gospel to many people." And so Ananias visited Saul and said to him: "Saul, I have been sent by the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on your journey here. Be filled with the Holy Spirit, and receive back your sight." Saul's sight was restored, and he was baptised a Christian. From having persecuted Christians, he himself followed Christ and helped to spread the Gospel throughout various parts of the world.

