

This week's services



Sunday 26th April

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

Friday 1st May

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 3rd May

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



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Luke 2: 41-end</i>
Tuesday	<i>Luke 3: 1-14</i>
Wednesday	<i>Luke 3: 15-22</i>
Thursday	<i>Luke 4: 1-13</i>
Friday	<i>James 1: 1-12</i>
Saturday	<i>Luke 4: 31-37</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's Primary School, Chipping Norton.

Please pray for Christine McQueen and team.



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PEW SHEET



26th April 2026
4th Sunday of Easter

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when you leave.

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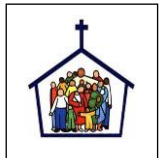
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The Collect



Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Acts 2: 42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel Reading
John 10: 1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.



A Russian called Anthony Bloom was an atheist when he was a university student in Paris. Simply to please somebody, he attended a meeting to which a Russian priest had been invited. Anthony Bloom hated the thought of being there, and grew more and more annoyed at what he heard about Christ and Christianity. When he got back home he asked his mother for a copy of the Gospels, because he wanted to prove that the priest had been lying. Anthony decided to read quickly one of the Gospels. He counted the number of chapters in each of the four Gospels, and found that the Gospel of Saint Mark was the shortest - he didn't want to waste too much time reading what he thought was rubbish! Before he reached the third chapter of Saint Mark's Gospel, he became aware of a Presence on the other side of the table. He became so sure that the Presence was the Risen Jesus, that his life changed forever. He became a Christian, and later became a priest. He is now an archbishop in the Russian Orthodox Church. From having hated all that he thought Christianity was about, Anthony Bloom's life changed when he had some kind of experience that Jesus was alive and was beside him. It was St Mark's Gospel that he had read, and yesterday was the feast day of Saint Mark.

Lord Jesus,
we remember
that you said
that you would be with us,
so we do know in our minds
that you are present.
But there's a difference
between knowing
that you're present
and growing in the faith
that you are beside us.
We ask for the power
of your Spirit
in our lives each day,
so that we may live more fully
in your presence.
Only then
will our attitude and words
and actions
better reflect yours.
Amen

Leaffield Coffee Morning
and Plant Sale
Saturday 2nd May
St Michael's Church, Leaffield
10.30am-12.00pm

Join us for coffee, tea, cake and chat!

