

This week's services



Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday
10.30am, Holy Communion, BCP, **Wilcote**

Friday 3rd April Good Friday
10.30am, Service of the Word, **Finstock**
12 noon, Service of the Word, **Leaffield**
2.00pm, Service of the Word, **Ramsden**
6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 5th April Easter Day
6.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leaffield Tump**
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Leaffield**
10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Finstock**



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Luke 22: 1-23</i>
Tuesday	<i>Luke 22: 39-53</i>
Wednesday	<i>Luke 22: 54-end</i>
Thursday	<i>Luke 23: 1-25</i>
Friday	<i>Hebrews 10: 1-10</i>
Saturday	<i>John 2: 18-22</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.



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PEW SHEET



29th March 2026
Palm Sunday

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when you leave.

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The Collect



Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love
towards the human race sent
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer
death upon the cross: grant that we may
follow the example of his patience and
humility, and also be made partakers of
his resurrection; 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 Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a
teacher, that I may know how to sustain the
weary with a word. Morning by morning he
wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those
who are taught. The Lord God has opened
my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not
turn backwards. I gave my back to those
who struck me, and my cheeks to those
who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my
face from insult and spitting. The Lord God
helps me; therefore I have not been
disgraced; therefore I have set my face like
flint, and I know that I shall not be put to
shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who
will contend with me? Let us stand up

together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Second Reading
Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but himself, the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 27: 11-54

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?'

And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!' So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.....
.....From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Leaffield Coffee Morning
and Plant Sale
Saturday 4th April
St Michael's Church, Leaffield
10.30am-12.00pm
Join us for coffee, tea, cake and chat!

