

This week's services



Sunday 3rd May

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

Friday 8th May

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 10th May

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

6.00pm, Evening Prayer, **Leaffield**



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Luke 4: 38-end</i>
Tuesday	<i>Luke 5: 1-11</i>
Wednesday	<i>Luke 5: 12-26</i>
Thursday	<i>Luke 5: 27-end</i>
Friday	<i>Luke 6: 1-11</i>
Saturday	<i>Luke 6: 12-26</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 the Virgin, Chastleton.

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter,

Matt White & Ollie Shaw

and the Church Warden William Chanter.



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PEW SHEET



3rd May 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

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when you leave.

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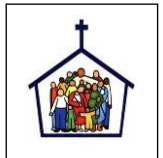
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The Collect



Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Acts 7: 55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold

this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Gospel Reading
John 14: 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'



We welcome
Frederick David Gennys Roberts
brought for baptism today by his parents
Sophie and Edward.
We hope all Frederick's family and friends
who have come to share in his special day
enjoy the occasion.
10.30am, Leaffield



Jack Traynor from Liverpool was called up to be a soldier during the First World War. He was hit in the head by a piece of shrapnel which damaged part of his brain, causing him to start to have epileptic fits. He was posted to the battle-area of Gallipoli in the Middle East where, in May 1915, he was seriously wounded by three bullets from a Turkish machine-gun. Because of his injuries he was given a full pension and was discharged from the army in 1917, a year before the end of the First World War. Six years later Jack travelled to Lourdes, to the Shrine of Our Lady in southern France. Three doctors who accompanied the pilgrims signed a statement that he was epileptic and had lost the use of his legs, and was paralysed in one arm. As is the custom in Lourdes, Jack bathed in the waters that flowed from the spring. Shortly afterwards he felt that he could walk, and he began to experience feelings in the arm that had been paralysed. The same three doctors examined him and confirmed that he could now walk and that he had regained the use of his arm. The doctors also acknowledged that the shrapnel wound in his head, through which his brain could be seen, had completely closed. Jack Traynor returned to Liverpool. Because he was now fit and able, he rejoined the family's coal business. The next time his invalidity war pension arrived, he wrote to let them know that he would no longer need the pension because he was now cured of the serious disabilities. The government department wasn't able to acknowledge miracles, and continued to send the disability pension until he died, aged 64.

Lord Jesus,
we read in the Gospels
that you brought healing
and acceptance
to many people,
In your love
stretch out your hands
and touch me
and bring healing
and wholeness
in my life.

Amen

