

This week's services



Sunday 4th October

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

Friday 9th October

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 11th October

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

6.00pm, Evening Prayer, **Leaffield**



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	Acts 26: 1-23
Tuesday	Acts 26: 24-end
Wednesday	Acts 27: 1-26
Thursday	Acts 27: 27-end
Friday	Acts 28: 1-16
Saturday	Acts 28: 17-end

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, 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 Nicholas, Chadlington.

Please pray for Mark Abrey and Ilona Cheyne, and the Church Warden Vivienne Davies



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PEW SHEET



4th October 2026
18th Sunday after Trinity

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when you leave.

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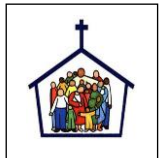
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The Collect



Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your
commandments and win the crown of
everlasting joy; 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 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song
concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a
vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and
cleared it of stones, and planted it with
choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the
midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded
wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of
Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge
between me and my vineyard. What more
was there to do for my vineyard that I have
not done in it? When I expected it to yield
grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And
now I will tell you what I will do to my
vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it
shall be devoured; I will break down its wall,

and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Second Reading
Philippians 3: 4b-14

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 21: 33-end

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When

the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Lord,
As we enter into autumn,
when the cooler winds drift in
and the days grow shorter,
draw us closer to you.
Let us feel your warm and loving presence.
May we imagine ourselves in your arms,
close to your heart, surrounded by your light,
and find comfort in your consistency
when the world around us
seems to be constantly changing.
Thank you for your light
that drives the darkness away.

Amen

