

This week's services



Sunday 5th July

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

Friday 10th July

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 12th July

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

6.00pm, Evening Prayer, **Leafield**

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Luke 19: 28-40</i>
Tuesday	<i>Luke 19: 41-end</i>
Wednesday	<i>Luke 20: 1-8</i>
Thursday	<i>Luke 20: 9-19</i>
Friday	<i>Luke 20: 20-26</i>
Saturday	<i>Luke 20: 27-40</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 Peter's, Wilcote.

Please pray for Paul Mansell,
Gail Ward & Sarah Jones.



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PEW SHEET



5th July 2026

5th Sunday after Trinity

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when you leave.

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The Collect



Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body
of the Church is governed and
sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer
for all your faithful people, that in their
vocation and ministry they may serve you
in holiness and truth to the glory of your
name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Zechariah 9: 9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout
aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king
comes to you; triumphant and victorious is
he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a
colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the
chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse
from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be
cut off, and he shall command peace to the
nations; his dominion shall be from sea to
sea, and from the River to the ends of the
earth. As for you also, because of the blood
of my covenant with you, I will set your
prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return

to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you
double.

Second Reading
Romans 7: 15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father

except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Your life was a journey
from the moment you were born.
From birth to death.
From Bethlehem's stable
to Calvary's cross.
How often we fail to understand,
that the conclusion of your journey
was inevitable,
that you understood this
from the very beginning,
and yet still walked the path
that was yours to take.
By comparison
the many choices we make
in our life seem trivial,
the twists and turns we choose
are often taken on impulse,
with no clear comprehension
of the outcome.
Thank you, Jesus.
Thank you
that you loved humankind enough
to make that journey,
even as you felt the pain of rejection,
the pain of the lashes,
the pain of the nails,
the pain of the cross.
Amen

