

## This week's services



### Sunday 8th March

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Ramsden**  
6.00pm, Evening Prayer, **Leafield**

### Friday 6th March

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

### Sunday 15th March

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Finstock**  
4.00pm, Leafield Light, **Leafield**



These Bible readings are designated for each day

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Hebrews 4: 14-5.10</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Hebrews 5: 11-6.12</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Hebrews 6: 13-end</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Hebrews 7: 1-10</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Hebrews 7: 11-end</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Hebrews 8</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, Swerford.

Please pray for Janet Collins & Keith Disney  
and the Church Wardens  
Jennifer Tustian & Charles Campion



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## PEW SHEET



**8th March 2026**  
3rd Sunday of Lent

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Please take this pew sheet with you  
when you leave.

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## The Collect



Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

**Exodus 17: 1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people?

They are almost ready to stone me.’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

**Second Reading**  
**Romans 5: 1-11**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Gospel Reading**  
**John 4: 5-42**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about

noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink’. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’ (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’.....  
.....Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

Lent Lunch  
Thursday 12th March  
12.30pm  
at the home of Rebecca Leszczynski  
hosted by members of Leaffield Church, free to attend, donations to St Mungo's charity.  
Please let the host know if you would like to attend.  
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**We publish the banns of marriage (2) between:**

Krystle Louise Peacock and Colin Brian O'Dell  
to be married on 25th April 2026  
at St Michael and All Angels, Leaffield.

Millie Harley and Danny Boyle  
to be married on 23rd May 2026  
at St Mary's, Charlbury.

Christina Ruth Ballard  
and Thomas Jeremy Denyer Lord  
to be married on 23rd May 2026  
at St James', Ramsden.

Rebecca Ann Owen and Jake Gary Cadman  
to be married on 30th May 2026  
at St Michael and All Angels, Leaffield.

