

This week's services



Sunday 24th August

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Finstock**

Tuesday 26th August

8.00am, Morning Prayer, **Ramsden**

Friday 29th August

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 31st August

10.30am, Holy Communion, BCP, **Wilcote**

Everyone welcome at all services!

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	<i>Mark 2: 23-3.6</i>
Tuesday	<i>Mark 3: 7-19a</i>
Wednesday	<i>Mark 3: 19b-end</i>
Thursday	<i>Mark 4: 1-20</i>
Friday	<i>Mark 4: 21-34</i>
Saturday	<i>Mark 4: 35-end</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



24th August 2025

Bartholomew the Apostle
10th Sunday after Trinity

Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.

Benefice website:

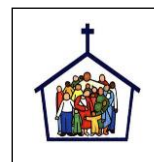
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The Collect



Almighty and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle
Bartholomew grace truly to
believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church may love that word
which he believed and may faithfully
preach and receive the same; 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 43: 8-13**

Bring forth the people who are blind yet
have eyes, who are deaf yet have ears! Let
all the nations gather together, and let the
peoples assemble. Who among them
declared this and foretold to us the former
things? Let them bring their witnesses to
justify them, and let them hear and say, "It
is true." You are my witnesses, says the
Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me and
understand that I am he. Before me no god
was formed, nor shall there be any after
me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there
is no savior. I am the one who declared and
saved and proclaimed, not some strange
god among you; you are my witnesses,
says the Lord, and I am God. Indeed, since

that day I am he; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can hinder it?

Second Reading **Acts 5: 12-16**

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Gospel Reading **Luke 22: 24-30**

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have stood by me in my trials, and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.



In 1933, an attempt was made to climb the world's highest mountain, Mount Everest, by F.S.Smythe. His fellow climber could go no further, so he decided to go on a little way by himself. Smythe writes of what happened when he tried to climb alone:

"After leaving Eric, a strange feeling possessed me that I was accompanied by another. This 'presence' was strong and friendly. In its company I could not feel lonely, neither could I come to any harm. It was always there to sustain me in my solitary climb up the snow-covered slabs. As I halted and extracted some mint-cake from my pocket, it was so near and so strong that I instinctively divided the mint into two halves and turned round with one half in my hand to offer it to my 'companion'."

Let's pause for a moment to remind ourselves that we are in the presence of God

Lord Jesus,
open my eyes to recognise you
as you walk beside me,
accompanying me on my journey in life
each day.
Amen



Lord, it's likely that sometime today
someone will push my buttons
challenge my good will
misread my intentions
tick me off
try my patience
rattle my cage
judge me in haste
test my kindness
or do all of the above...
Give me the grace I'll need at such times
to respond with patience
to trust and accept
to listen carefully
to reach out in peace
to be fair and just
to anticipate goodness
in all my words and deeds...
I know this is a lot to ask, Lord,
but I need your help
to do for others
as I'd have them do for me...
Amen.