

This week's services



Sunday 31st August

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

Tuesday 2nd September

8.00am, Morning Prayer, **Ramsden**

Friday 5th September

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 7th September

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

Everyone welcome at all services!

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	Mark 5: 1-20
Tuesday	Mark 5: 21-34
Wednesday	Mark 5: 35-end
Thursday	Mark 6: 1-13
Friday	Mark 6: 14-29
Saturday	Mark 6: 30-44

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



31st August 2025
11th Sunday after Trinity

Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.

Benefice website:

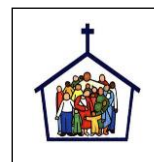
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The Collect



O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 **Ecclesiasticus 10: 12-18**

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brought upon them unheard-of calamities and destroyed them completely. The Lord overthrew the thrones of rulers and enthroned the lowly in their place. The Lord plucked up the roots of the nations and planted the humble in their place. The Lord laid waste the lands of the nations and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth. He removed some of them and destroyed them and erased the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created

for human beings or violent anger for those born of women.

Second Reading **Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading **Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble

themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

In the southern United States, Helen Keller lost her sight and hearing through illness when she was only 2-years old. Annie Sullivan, who had herself been blind, taught the teenage Helen how to speak and how to read Braille writing. On 1st September in 1904 the deaf and blind Helen Keller graduated with honours from Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Helen wrote the following words about using well whatever senses we have: "We differ, blind and seeing, one from another- not in our senses, but in the use we make of them, in the imagination and courage with which we seek wisdom beyond our senses..." "I have walked with people whose eyes are full of light, but who see nothing in wood, sea or sky, nothing in the city streets, nothing in books. "What a witless masquerade is this seeing! It were far better to sail for ever in the night of blindness, with sense and feeling and mind, than to be thus content with the mere act of seeing. "They have the sunset, the morning skies, the purple of distant hills- yet their souls voyage through this enchanted world with a barren stare."

Lord,
we pray that we may live in such a way
that we value all that is good in our lives
and never take anyone
or anything for granted.
Amen



Leaffield Coffee Morning
Saturday 6th September
St Michael's Church, Leaffield

10.30am-12.00pm

Join us for coffee, tea, cake and chat!

