

This week's services



Sunday 14th September

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

Tuesday 16th September

8.00am, Morning Prayer, Ramsden

Friday 19th September

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, Wilcote

Sunday 21st September

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Finstock

Everyone welcome at all services!

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	Mark 8: 11-21
Tuesday	Mark 8: 22-26
Wednesday	Mark 8: 27-9.1
Thursday	Mark 9: 2-13
Friday	Mark 9: 14-29
Saturday	Mark 9: 30-37

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



14th September 2025
Holy Cross Day
13th Sunday after Trinity

Please take this pew sheet with you when you leave.

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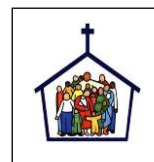
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The Collect



Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Numbers 21: 4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it

upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Second Reading
Philippians 2: 6-11

who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading
John 3: 13-17

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.



Almighty God,
As summer gives way to autumn,
You clothe the trees
in September garments
of crimson and gold
with a mere whisper.

Transform us also into blazing lights
of truth and love.

In a world where grace and mercy
do not easily abound,
so move us to these traits
as we go about each day.

Soften us where we are too hard.

Loosen us where we are too tight.

Lighten us where we are too heavy.

Fill us to overflowing with Your peace,
imperfect vessels of a perfect God.

Thank You

for crisp air and golden afternoons
that speak of Your power and goodness.

Though seasons may change,
You are changeless.

You were, You are,
You evermore shall be.

Where mankind's institutions seek to divide,
bring unity and peace.

Where pain and confusion reign,
may Your healing presence cover us.

Thank You for the fruit of the harvest,
on trees, on vines,
in human lives.

For your bounty is exceedingly, abundantly
more than we ask or imagine.

Thank You for September
and for your relentless love.

Amen

