

This week's services



Sunday 24th May

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

Friday 29th May

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 31st May

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



These Bible readings are designated for each day

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| Monday | <i>Luke 9: 18-27</i> |
| Tuesday | <i>Luke 9: 28-36</i> |
| Wednesday | <i>Luke 9: 37-50</i> |
| Thursday | <i>Luke 9: 51-end</i> |
| Friday | <i>Luke 10: 1-16</i> |
| Saturday | <i>Luke 10: 17-24</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:

Finstock Primary School.

Please pray for the Headteacher

Leanne Dixon and her team.



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PEW SHEET



24th May 2026

Pentecost

Whit Sunday

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when you leave.

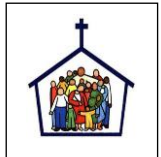
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The Collect



God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking

Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Gospel Reading
John 20: 19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’



We welcome
 Orla Mae Williams
 brought for baptism today by her parents
 Emily and Joshua.
 We hope all Orla’s family and friends
 who have come to share in her special day
 enjoy the occasion.
 10.30am, Finstock



Lord Jesus,
 as God’s Spirit came down
 and rested upon you,
 may the same Spirit rest on us,
 bestowing his sevenfold gifts.
 First, grant us the gift of understanding,
 by which your precepts
 may enlighten our minds.
 Second, grant us counsel,
 by which we may follow in your footsteps
 on the path of righteousness.
 Third, grant us courage,
 by which we may ward off the enemy’s attacks.
 Fourth, grant us knowledge,
 by which we can distinguish good from evil.
 Fifth, grant us piety,
 by which we may acquire
 compassionate hearts.
 Sixth, grant us fear,
 by which we may draw back from evil
 and submit to what is good.
 Seventh, grant us wisdom,
 that we may taste fully
 the life-giving sweetness of your love.

Amen

