

This week's services



Sunday 18th October

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

Harvest Festival

4.00pm, Leaffield Light, **Leaffield**

Friday 23rd October

6.30pm, Evening Prayer, **Wilcote**

Sunday 25th October

10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, **Ramsden**



These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday	1 Timothy 1: 1-17
Tuesday	1 Timothy 1: 18-end of 2
Wednesday	1 Timothy 3
Thursday	1 Timothy 4
Friday	1 Timothy 5: 1-16
Saturday	1 Timothy 5: 17-end

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, 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 Peter's, Wilcote.

Please pray for Paul Mansell and Sarah Jones.



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PEW SHEET



18th October 2026
Luke the Evangelist
20th Sunday after Trinity

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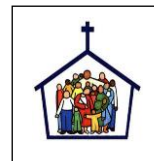

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The Collect



Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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 35: 3-6

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4: 5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he

will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Holy God,
as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving
we give thanks for the blessings of food,
provision and nourishment.
Please grow in us a harvest for the world.
Come sow a seed of hope within our souls
Lord, that we might yield goodness,
patience and kindness in abundance.
Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord,
that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness,
compassion and righteousness.
Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord,
that others would reap the blessings of family,
friendship and community.
May each seed of hope, peace and love
grow within us into a harvest
that can be feasted on by all.

Amen



Lord,
thank you for walking with us
through the seasons of our lives.
For the winter,
when we are held safe in your arms
through the darkness.
For the hope of spring,
as we are filled with new promise and life.
For summer time,
full of warmth and colour
And for autumn days
as leaves fall to seed new growth.
You are always with us.

Amen

