## This week's services



Sunday 7th July 10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Leafield

Friday 12th July 6.30pm, Evening Prayer, Wilcote

Sunday 14th July 10.30am, Holy Communion, CW, Ramsden 6.00pm, Evening Prayer, Leafield

Everyone welcome at all services!

These Bible readings are designated for each day

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Luke 20: 41-21.4 Luke 21: 5-19 Luke 21: 20-28 Luke 21: 29-end Luke 22: 1-13 Luke 22: 14-23

#### 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.



If we as a Church can help in any way, please contact:

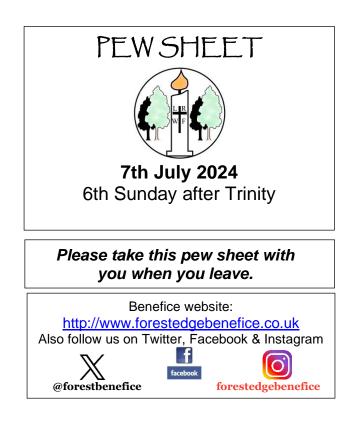
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# The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass



our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Ezekiel 2: 1-5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

### Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knowswas caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

### Gospel Reading Mark 11: 15-33

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, 'Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"? But you have made it a den of robbers.' And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city. In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree

withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to him. 'Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.' Jesus answered them, 'Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, "Be taken up and thrown into the sea", and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. 'Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.' Again they came to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do them?' Jesus said to them, 'I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin? Answer me.' They argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say, "Why then did you not believe him?" But shall we say, "Of human origin"?'-they were afraid of the crowd, for all regarded John as truly a prophet. So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And Jesus said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

Muslims have 5 "pillars" in their faith. One of these 5 important duties is to give  $2^{1}/2$ % of their earnings to charity. It is called "Zakah". This money is specifically to be used to help the poor. We'll use as our prayer today some words based on a Muslim prayer, asking forgiveness for thoughts and words and actions that have been wrong. We also ask forgiveness for not having thought and said and done certain things.

For all that we should have thought, and have not thought For all that we should have said, and have not said For all that we should have done, and have not done we ask forgiveness, Lord. For all that we should not have thought, but have thought For all that we should not have said, but have said For all that we should not have done, but have done we ask forgiveness, Lord *Amen*