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9.30am Eucharist 7th April, 2024

11am Holy Communion on 10th April, 2024

Hymn:-147 Jesus Christ has Risen today

Collect:- Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading:- A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Response to Psalm 133 :-How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

O how good and pleasant it is, when a family lives together in unity! It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

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It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

SECOND READING 1 John 1.1 – 2.2 A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was

revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world

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Gradual Hymn:- 456 Happy are those who live God.

Gospel:- Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

It was evening on 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.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said,



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'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name

Offertory Hymn:- 573 Son of God, Eternal Saviour.

Communion Hymn:- 153 Now green blade riseth.

Anthem:- Awake thou wintery earth.

Post Communion Prayer Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Recessional:- 152 Now is eternal life.

Please remember in your prayers this week Sarina, Janice Pinnock, Jean Rochester, Cynthia Foster, Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Amy Su Armitage, Velma Munns, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher, Martin Fisher and John Worthington.

Confirmation 14th April

Bishop John will be here next week for the Confirmation. In your prayers please pray for our confirmation candidates: Gerry, Megan, Jamie, Abi, Isobel, Jessica, Rosalia, Chiara, Maisie, Freya and Alexa. That they may grow in faith and love for God. After the service there will be refreshments for everyone.

Floodlight Sponsorship

Marjorie and Keith Wood

To celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary -on April 11th.

Georgie Grigg

In memory of Peter Grigg on what would have been his 86th birthday.

Lent Sponsored Bible Read Saturday May 11th in Church.

What is coming up

PCC meeting Sunday 7th April 11.45

Sunday 14th April 9.30am :- Confirmation here at St. Mary's.

Church Coffee Morning 10 am in the Mission Room Thursday, 18th April.

Flower Festival Meeting Monday 22nd April in Church at 7pm

Church AGM Sunday 28th April at 10.45 am

Sponsored Bible Read speak to Pete Grindrod for details if you would like to take part.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning at the Chapel on 11th May

13th May Fund Raising Meeting 7pm

Crowning of the May Queen and Afternoon tea 19th May 2pm to 4pm

6th June the 80th Celebration of D Day 7.30 pm in Church followed by refreshments for all.

This is a British Legion Service to honour men and women who helped to liberate a continent. It was the largest Naval, Air and Land operation in history. Amongst Americans, Canadians and British taking part approximately 5000 men perished on D Day. They gave their lives for our freedom. Bells at our Church and across the country will be ringing out at 6.30pm for peace.

At 9. 15pm throughout the country peace beacons will be lit. Here, also in Finedon, an International Tribute will be read by a member of the Town Council outside the Church as we light our beacon for peace.

Everyone is very welcome. This is a community event for all. Come to the service to hear about local men who took part in this liberation.

Sunday 23rd June Rushden Town Band Concert

Saturday 29th June Church Fete 12 to 4pm : If you would like to run a stall we are looking for people to organise a Plant Stall, Jigsaw stall, and a paper book stall. Speak to Churchwarden Jane please.

Latest number Quiz is ready in Church by the south door £1.00 a sheet..

Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who donated to the beautiful Easter Flowers and especially to those who gave in memory of their loved ones:- Mrs Sylvia Bramley, Margaret and Ray Butts, Pat Richardson, Luke Needle, Muriel Carroll.