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9.30am Eucharist 14th April, 2024

11am Holy Communion on 17th April, 2024

Hymn:-175 Come down O love Divine

Collect:- Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciple with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with

his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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:- A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:- 150 Love's Redeeming work is done

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

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see

that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

Hymn:- 183 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us.

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

Anthems:- View me Lord Lloyd

Dear Lord and Father Parry

Jubilate in B flat Standford

Post Communion Prayer Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Recessional:- 612 We have a Gospel to proclaim

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, Nina Beetson, Peter Fisher, Martin Fisher and John Worthington.

A prayer for our Confirmation candidates

God of all ages,
You send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
Look kindly on our candidates for Confirmation as they seek to hear your voice. 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.



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Floodlight Sponsorship

Finedon Buffs

What is coming up

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 Saturday May 11th in Church

The Sponsored Bible Read will take place on Saturday 11th May in church between 10:00am and 3:00pm. When we did this two years ago, volunteers read through the Gospels of St Matthew, St Mark and St Luke. This time we plan to start reading St John and then move onto Acts. We are asking for volunteers to read for 15-minute slots. We are also asking for volunteers to be stewards/timers for one-hour slots; if preferred this can be done in pairs. As well as reading through the Gospel, the idea is to collect sponsors with monies going to church. In 2022 we raised £1,600, which included Gift Aid for those who pay tax. Any questions to Pete Grindrod. There is a list on the Notice board.

Meanwhile: - **Christian Aid Coffee** Morning will be taking place at the Chapel on 11th May from 10am. Donations of cakes greatly received on that day.

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 Pimms, Punch and Pop Music tickets £10.00 accompanied children free.

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.

Joanne Needle is asking for tombola prizes for her stall please. Ring 682098 if you can supply anything..

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

Defibrillator Update

We are almost ready to order the defibrillator package that we all have been raising funds for. So far we have raised £1242 which is fantastic! However, we are £42 short so I am asking you all to dig deep for the last amount of money so that I can order the defibrillator.

Please give any donations to me, Linda Turnell (choir member) and hopefully I will be able to put in the order very soon.

Many thanks Linda Turnell

Thank you Linda for your great effort.

Years Mind Book

With thanks to Velma Munns who has given us a lovely new book for Year's Mind list. It is on the piano at present. Please add you loved one's names if you wish them to be on the prayer list at the appropriate time.

(The book stall will return after the Confirmation).