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9.30am Eucharist 5th May, 2024

11am Holy Communion on 8th May, 2024

Hymn:- 272 Praise and Thanksgiving

Collect:- God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Response to Psalm 98:- The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

R

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

R

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

R

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

R

Second Reading:- A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord

Gradual Hymn:- 359 Rejoice, O Lord.

Gospel:- Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Offertory Hymn:- 254 For the fruit of his creation

Communion Hymn:- 567 Sing all Creation

Anthems:- Thou visitest the earth

Post Communion Prayer :- God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

Recessional:- 449 God of Mercy God of Grace

Please remember in your prayers this week the sick of the Parish:- Sarina, Janice Pinnock, Jean Rochester, Cynthia Foster, Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Amy Su Armitage, Velma Munns, Dave Cheney, Nina Beetson, Peter Fisher, Bryan Salter.

Those who have recently died:- Noel Pearson

Sunday 5th May, 2024, Easter 6

Saturday Craft and Chat 4th May 10am to midday Church.

Ascension Day Service May 9th at 7pm.

Christian Aid Day 11th May

Asking for donations of cakes to take to the Chapel who are holding a joint Chapel/Church Coffee morning to raise money for Christian Aid. We really need some support here please on Saturday 11th May, 10am to midday.

Floodlight Sponsorship

Finedon Buffs

What is coming up

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.

13th May:- Fund Raising Meeting 7. 30 pm, Jean's House.

Crowning of the May Queen and Afternoon tea 19th May 2pm to 4pm tickets £5.00 available from Julie and Jane if you would like afternoon tea, Children are free.

Watoto Children Free concert 5th June at 7pm

Get ready to be amazed by their vibrant music, energetic dances, and powerful storytelling. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the talent and joy of these amazing children as they share their stories of hope and transformation. Through their performance, they inspire and remind us of the power of love and resilience.

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

Sunday 23rd June Rushden Town Band Concert Pimms, Punch and Pop Music tickets £10.00 accompanied children free. Julie or Jane have tickets.

Saturday 29th June Church Fete 12 to 4pm : If you would like to run a stall a speak to Churchwarden Jane please.

Plants for the Fete please bring to Church on Wednesday 26th June or Saturday 29th June before midday. Joyce and Lynn will be running the stall.

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.

Just in case you have not heard yet:-

From Archdeacon Alison:-

I am delighted to announce that following interview and with the agreement of Bishop Debbie and the Parish Representatives, The Revd Morna Simpson currently Rector of the Benefice of Yardley Hastings with Denton and Grendon with Castle Ashby and Whiston, has been offered and has accepted the invitation to become Vicar (half time) at St Mary the Virgin, Finedon and Curate Training Programme Officer with Assistant Vocations Officer. Morna will be Collated by Bishop Debbie and Inducted by Archdeacon Alison on 4 September 2024 at 7:30pm at St Mary the Virgin, Finedon. The appointment of Morna is subject to the normal Church of England legal and administrative procedures. Bishop Debbie and I are very grateful to all who helped with the preparation of the profile, all the arrangements for the interview and for the continuing and encouraging ministry of the parishes in the service of Christ during the vacancy. Please pray for Morna as she completes her ministry in the Benefice of Yardley Hastings and as she prepares to move and to work in Finedon and at Bouverie Court.

A Really big thank you corner

I would like to give a great big thank to everyone who contributed to the gifts I was given on Sunday. It was a total surprise, and I was absolutely overwhelmed. It was a very special day all round being able to give the announcement of the new Vicar of Finedon and the lovely presents you bestowed on me. I thank you all for the support you have given me over the years especially over the past year.

Churchwarden Jane