



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

Sunday 3rd November 2024

4th Sunday before Advent, All Saints

HYMN BOARD

Processional Hymn	232 For all the Saints
Gradual Hymn	217 Glory to Thee o God
Offertory Hymn	229 Who are these like stars appearing
Communion	216 Give us wings of faith
Anthem	Holy is the true light - Harris
Recessional Hymn	380 At the name of Jesus

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Services this week:

Sunday at 9:30am , 6pm. Tuesday at 11am

Cycle of Prayers:

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. Janet Maclean, Mark Butts, Barry Howlett and Michael Shipton

Notices

Floodlights:

David and Mary Wilson

To celebrate the 10th wedding anniversary of their friends Paul and Carole Mitchel on 8th November

All Souls

A service of prayer and remembrance for those that we love but see no more on Sunday 3rd November 6pm, please add any names to the list at the back of the church or speak to the churchwardens.

CONTACT FORMS: We invite you to complete the contact forms at the back of Church. This is so we are able to contact you outside of the times we see you at Church, for pastoral reasons or to keep you up to date on things happening in the parish. Please read the Brief Privacy Notice next to the forms, full details of our Privacy Notice can be found on the website <https://stmarysfinedon.co.uk/privacy>. Once completed please put the form in the wooden box. If you have any questions please speak to Rev Morna, Colin or Julie. Thank You.

Christmas Draw 2024 - tickets are now available. This is a major fund raiser, your help in buying and selling tickets would be greatly appreciated. Envelopes containing 2 books of tickets are at the back of the church, addressed to those on the electoral roll and/or who are regular worshippers. Please collect your envelope, details to obtain more tickets are enclosed. If we have missed your name please ask Colin, Julie or Jean. Thank you.

Christmas Shoe boxes

Please return to Church by 17th November.

Intercessions Training

This will take place at the Vicarage on Wednesday 6th November from 7pm. I look forward in seeing you then.

Prayer Meeting

As previously mentioned, our weekly prayer meeting will take place on Tuesday evenings, beginning this Tuesday (5th November) from 7 until 8 pm in Church. I look forward in seeing you then. Morna

Advent Study Group

Would you like to do something different this Advent? Would you be interested in learning a little more about Creation and God's ultimate plan for humans to flourish? Please contact Rev Morna for more information.

RUSHDEN TOWN BAND CONCERT

Saturday 30th November at 7:30pm tickets £10 per adult, including a glass of mulled wine, (accompanying children free) NOW ON SALE from Julie

Saturday Activities

On the 1st Saturday of the month 10-12 our church doors are open for our monthly Craft & Chat group. On the 3rd Saturday 10-12 we hold our Free Family Funday full of seasonal craft activities for children and families.

Christmas Tree Festival November 29th/ 30th . 1st December

Looking for displays of Christmas trees on the theme of 'Christmas on Stage', (that is Pantomime or Christmas plays, or Nativity etc). Seek you spot from Christine Chapman.

Festive House-Warming

Rev Morna and Becky warmly invite you to an afternoon at the Vicarage on Sunday the 24th November, drop in anytime between 2-4pm. There will be festive treats and mulled cider (as well as non-alcoholic alternatives). We look forward to welcoming you. Do let us know if you are planning to join us.

Collect:- Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this
mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in
great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come
again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the
dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who
is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading from Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all
peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines
strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the
shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread
over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. 8 Then
the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and
the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth, for the LORD has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us
be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Response to Psalm 24 The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God no torment will ever touch them.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all
who dwell therein. For it is he who founded it upon the
seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

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'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? and who can stand in
his holy place?' 'Those who have clean hands and a pure
heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor
sworn by what is a fraud.

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They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just
reward from the God of their salvation.' Such is the
generation of those who seek him, of those who seek your
face, O God of Jacob.

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New Testament reading from Revelations

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first
heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea
was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride
adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the
throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He
will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God
himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from
their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and
pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'
And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am
making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these
words are trustworthy and true.' 6 Then he said to me, 'It is
done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the
end.'

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him,
she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you
had been here, my brother would not have died.'
When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who
came with her also weeping, he was greatly
disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said,
'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord,
come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews
said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them
said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the
blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then
Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It
was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus
said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the
dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a
stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus
said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed,
you would see the glory of God?' So they took away
the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said,
'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that
you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake
of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe
that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried
with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead
man came out, his hands and feet bound with
strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.
Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Post Communion Prayer:- O Lord our God, make us
watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of
your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may
not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service
and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen