



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

Sunday 27th October 2024

Last Sunday in Trinity

HYMN BOARD

Processional Hymn	599 Thine forever God of love
Gradual Hymn	589 The King of Love my shepherd is.
Offertory Hymn	283 Before the throne of God above
Communion Anthem	308 Just as I am
Recessional Hymn	Lead me Lord – Wesley
	555 Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

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Services this week:

Sunday at 9:30am 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:

The Finedon Buffs

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.

Food Bank

We now have a sealed box for donations to the Food Bank in Church. Unfortunately, little mice managed to have a feast one week on the food given previously in the old container.

Let us pray

Are you a person committed to prayer, who occasionally hears God's still small voice? If so, would you be interested in meeting regularly to pray and wait on God as we discern how God is calling us to be agents of God in Finedon? Please speak to me (Rev Morna). I would like us to meet regularly in an evening to pray in our Church, perhaps sharing silence, or praying as we feel led to.

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 Glühwein, (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:- Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Response to Psalm 97: - The Lord shall give his angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

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The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

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By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.

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Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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New Testament reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

Post Communion Prayer:- God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness, sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen