



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

Sunday 8th October 2024

Harvest Festival

19th Sunday after Trinity

HYMN BOARD

Processional Hymn	270 Come ye thankful people
Gospel Hymn	254 For the fruits of his Creation
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Services this week:

Sunday at 9:30am and 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 and Barry Howlett.

Notices

Floodlights:

Nila Ames

**In memory of Tom and Eileen White,
Pat and Dorothy**

Flower Festival

The Flower festival Committee thanks everyone who prepared the Church, arranged flowers, manned stalls, provided refreshments and visited over the weekend.

The final money raised was £2,500.00

Well done all.

Harvest Afternoon Tea and Songs of Praise

Join us later at 4.30 for Afternoon Tea and then at 6pm for Harvest Songs of Praise.

Heating in Church

Usually on the 1st October we turn on the central heating in Church unless we are experiencing a Heat Wave! Unfortunately, when it was turned on this week it was discovered that water is leaking out of the pipes under neath the Church somewhere and this must be addressed urgently. So, folks, here is a warning to get your thermals out for the next few weeks if the weather changes suddenly.

Framing your Stories

Tuesday 15th October from 7 to 9pm

Please come to sit around the fire whilst we explore different ways to tell our stories of faith together. Dress warmly and bring an outdoor chair to sit on. For more information, and to book, please visit: <https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/calendar/828>

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 (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 Sunday full of seasonal craft activities for children and families.

Sunday 29th September

Did anyone parking a car on Church Hill have any damage to their car last Sunday. If so, have a word with Kathryn. One of Fr. Stans guest's car was badly damaged

Collect O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Response to Psalm 8:- How exalted is your name in all the world!

O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world! Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens. You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

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When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them? mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

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You have made them little lower than the angels; you adorn them with glory and honour. You give them mastery over the works of your hands; and put all things under their feet,

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All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea. O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!

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SECOND READING A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Post Communion Prayer:- Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen