



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

Sunday 17th November 2024

2nd before Advent

HYMN BOARD

Processional Hymn	390 Blessed Assurance
Gradual Hymn	547 oft in danger , oft in woe
Offertory	278 Alleluia sing to Jesus
Communion	296 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord
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Services this week:

Sunday at 9:30am Tuesday at 11am

Cycle of Prayers:

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Janice Pinnock, Jean Rochester, Cynthia Foster, Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Amy Su Armitage, Velma Munns, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher. Janet Maclean, Michael Shipton and Oliver Grigg

And those whose years Mind falls at this time:- Martin and Margaret Pettitt.

Notices

Floodlights:

Lynn Pettitt

In memory of Martin and Margaret Pettitt

The Mears Family

In memory of Liam

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.

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1st December at 6pm

Christmas Raffle hampers

Looking for donations for the Christmas Draw hampers. There is a list on the Church notice board.

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 Sunday full of seasonal craft activities for children and families. **Please note, there will be no Family Fun Day or Craft and Chat in December. Back in the new year folks.**

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

Please sign up on the Church Notice board if you are able to Steward over the weekend of the Christmas Tree Festival.

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.

Outreach Coffee Morning

Meet and greet new friends and old on Thursday 21st November from 10am to midday in the Mission Room.

Collect:- Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was Revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

Old Testament reading from the book of Daniel. In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Congregational Response to Psalm 16:- My body shall rest in hope.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord, my good above all other.' All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

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But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

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My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

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My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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New Testament reading A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a

single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God,' and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,' he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

Post Communion Prayer:-

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen