



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

Sunday 1st December 2024

Advent Sunday

HYMN BOARD

Processional Hymn	24 O Come thou long expected
Gradual Hymn	Jesus
Offertory	33 O day of God draw near
Communion	32 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Anthem	484 Jesus priceless treasure
Recessional Hymn	29 Hills of the North rejoice

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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:

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

Notices

Floodlights:

Iris Mason and family

In memory of Les Mason on the anniversary of his passing, 5 years ago.

Nina Beetson

In memory of Donald Beetson

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. Return the counterfoils by 17th November to win.

Follow the Star an Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1st December at 6pm with a glass of mulled wine afterwards.

Christmas Raffle hampers

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

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.

Please note, there will be no Family Fun Day or Craft and Chat in December. Back in the new year folks.

Flower Festival

Final donation to the Church

£2748.26

Well done and thank you to the team.

Christmas Tree Festival November 1st December

11am to 4 pm

Faculty Approval & Heating update

The application for the reordering project has now been given approval by the Chancellor of Peterborough Diocese. We are in the process of setting up a working team to oversee the project and funding opportunities. We will keep you informed of any progress. Obviously, our current priority is repairing the heating, by locating the leak. We are waiting on the final proposal from the contractor and hoping this will be resolved shortly. **Colin**

Advent Prayer Meetings

Our weekly prayer meeting will take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 8pm at the Vicarage. I look forward in seeing you then. Morna.

Open Book

A reminder that there is a meeting after Advent prayers in Church on Thursday December 5th for those taking part.

There will also be meetings on 13th Feb and 27th March.
Pete

St. Nicholas visits St. Mary's

On Sunday, December 8th, St Nicholas will be paying a visit his annual visit to St. Mary's. We hope that you will encourage any younger members of the community to attend. This service will be towards the younger members of the Church. We hope you will come.

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.

Amen

Old Testament Reading A reading from the book of the
prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will
fulfil the promise, I made to the house of Israel and the
house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a
righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall
execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days
Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And
this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is
our righteousness.'

**Congregational Response to Psalm To you, O Lord, I lift
up my soul.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in
you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies
triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to
shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their
schemes.

R
Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God
of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

R
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they
are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth
and my transgressions; remember me according to your
love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

R
Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches
sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.

R
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to
those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. For
your name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great.

R

**New Testament reading from the first letter of Paul to the
Thessalonians.**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the
joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and
day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to
face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus
direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase
and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we
abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your
hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our

God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his
saints.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and
on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring
of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and
foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the
powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see
"the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great
glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up
and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing
near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and
all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for
yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also,
when you see these things taking place, you know that the
kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will
not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and
earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

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

Christmas Greetings

May I wish all my dear friends a very merry Christmas
and a happy and healthy New year. This year I have
decided to make a donation to the Heart Foundation in
memory of my dear husband Bryan instead of sending
cards. Best wishes to you all, Joyce Williams.

Seasons Greetings

to all my friends in Finedon, instead of sending individual
Christmas cards I shall make a donation to Church funds.

Having been away from the village for a considerable
time I send love and best wishes to you all.

Janet Maclean

Finedon Town Council Christmas Fayre

We will be having a craft tent with various activities
for children for anyone to try. Come and support us and
have a chat with The Rev Morna between 12 and 4pm.
Any volunteers to help would be welcome - speak to
Julie.