



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

Sunday 29th December 2024
Christmas I

HYMN BOARD

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| Processional Hymn | 41 A great and mighty wonder |
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| Recessional Hymn | 53 Hark the Herald |

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Services this week:

Sunday 29th December at 9:30am

Tuesday 30th December Morning prayer 11am

Please remember in your prayers this week:

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

For those who have died, rest in peace Heather Smith and Rita Chapman

And those whose Years Mind occurs at this time.

Notices

Floodlights:

David and Mary Wilson

In memory of their friend Rita Chapman who died 24th December 2024.
and

In memory of their friend Denise Hayes Who died on her Birthday 25th December 2024

Paul and Carol Mitchell

In memory of all the deceased family members as we enter another year without them,

Please note, there is no prayer group this week.

Our weekly prayer group will resume on Thursday 9th January.

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 Prize Draw

We would like to thank everyone involved in the Christmas Draw, for those who supported this event from organisers, ticket sellers and everyone who brought tickets. All prizes have been claimed and an amazing £1120 was raised to support the church funds.

Heating update

Heating Update, we were so close to a final repair, but the main pipe disintegrated while the repair was being completed. So unfortunately, we now need to seek further advice to establish what our options are. This will mean we will be without heating for the foreseeable future. We are looking at our possibilities and alternatives in the event of extreme weather. Further information on this will be sent out, we will use the communication contacts that everyone has provided, so keep an eye on your emails etc Many thanks for your understanding during this difficult time. *Churchwardens*

Epiphany Carol Service

Sunday, 5th January at 6pm followed by mulled wine.

Collect:- God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Old Testament A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 148 congregational response:-

Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

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Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

R

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

R

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; Young men and maidens, old and young together.

R

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia

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New testament reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in

you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Thanks be to God

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

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Post Communion Prayer:- Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen