

Sunday, 12th January 2025, Baptism of Christ



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A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

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HYMN BOARD

Processional Hymn	610 To the name of our Salvation
Gradual Hymn	490 Jesus shall reign
Offertory	444 God is working hie purpose out
Communion	286 Break thou the bread of life
Anthem	If ye love me - Tallis
Recessional	89 O worship the Lord

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Services this week:

Sunday January 12th at 9:30am

Tuesday January 14th 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 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, Debbie Grindrod and Jeremy Millington.

Notices

Floodlights:

Christine and Bryan Chapman

To celebrate their granddaughter Lola's 18th birthday.

Margaret Coombs and family

In memory of Eric Coombs and to wish Ryan a happy birthday and welcome bay Rosie.

Tom, Carole and Paul

In memory of a dearly loved wife and Aunt, Heather Smith, who sadly passed away on 11th December, 2024.

Pete Grindrod and family

In memory of Debbie who passed away on 14th February, 2024

Sheira Gee

In memory of Rene Higham on what would have been her birthday

Flood light Sponsorship, continued.

Libby and Graham Webb

To celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

Muriel Brooks

In memory of Harry Brooks on what would have been his birthday 14th January.

Margaret and Family

Treasured memories of Alan Mitchell

Family Funday - ALL CHANGE for this month's funday. It's a cold January and sadly the Church is still without any heating. But we are determined and resourceful and have moved to St Michael's Mission Room along Well Street on **Sunday 19th January 2pm-4pm** We will be offering all are usual craft's and toys for the little one's, so we hope you will still be able to join us. We also have plans to repeat this in February.

The funeral of Heather Smith

Will take place on Tuesday 14th January at 1 pm at Wellingborough Nene Valley Crematorium followed by Finedon Cricket Club.

Heating update: -- an extreme weather plan is being considered with the possibility of moving Sunday service to the Mission room when required. Please make your views known to Morna or the churchwardens.

Prayer Group

We will be back praying together at the vicarage at 12noon on Friday 10th January. All welcome

RAFFLE for a Handcrafted Bag - We have been given a beautifully handmade bag to raffle. This has been kindly given to us by Chris Pawlowski, thank you. There are 50 chances at £1 a number all money raised will go to the fabric/maintenance fund. Both bag and clipboard are at the back of Church or speak to Julie.

Foodbank donations :- We are still offering a collection point for any donations. Please use the plastic box at the back of the church

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.

Beer and Hymns:- scheduled for 22nd February has been cancelled because of the heating situation.

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Collect:- Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves reading from the prophet Isaiah. to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Old Testament Reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Response to psalm 29:-The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

R

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

R

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

R

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, 'Glory!'

R

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

New testament reading A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Thanks be to God

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Post Communion Prayer:- Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**