

SUNDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2025, EPIPHANY 2



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Services this week:

Sunday January 12th at 9:30am

Tuesday January 14th 11am

Hymns:-

Proc 87 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Grad 327 The Prophets spoke in days of old.
Off 170 Jesus is Lord
Comm 286 Break thou the bread of life
Anth Ubi Caritas – Poulenc
Rec 90 Songs of thankfulness and praise

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 Rita Chapman

And those whose Years Mind occurs at this time, Harry Kenneth Brooks, Doreen Wakes and Charles Herbert Manning,

Notices

Floodlights:

Muriel Brooks

In memory of Harry Brooks
on the anniversary of his death

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 17th January. All welcome

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

What is coming up

Saturday, March 1st Games Evening at 6.30pm in the Mission Room. Beetle Drive, refreshments followed by Bingo - all for prizes.

Summer Fete and Crowning the May Queen. Saturday 17th May in the Churchyard.

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.



The sweet sound of success you may well have heard the news as the bell chimes the quarter hour and lets us all know the time. What a peasant sound that has been. Yes, the church clock is working, I say this hesitantly as it was quite bazar in how this has occurred, after having the usual engineer's inspection and confirmation a major replacement was required. In obtaining alternative quotes, an independent clock smith come to have a look and within 10 minutes the clock was working. After 24hrs testing that the clock mechanism was working consistently, the chimes were reinstated to check all was well with that mechanism, which so far seems to be ok. Some minor maintenance is required which will be undertaken later in the year but let us pray that time will not stop for anyone. The culprits were some nesting ladybirds.

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Collect:- Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Old Testament Reading from the book of Isaiah.

This is the word of the Lord.

The LORD says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Thanks be to God

Response to psalm36:- With you is the well of life and in your light we see light.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both human and beast, O Lord.

R

How priceless is your love, O God! your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

R

For with you is the well of life, and in your light, we see light. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favour to those who are true of heart.

R

New testament A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says, 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of

miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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Thanks be to God

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer:-

God of glory, You nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen