

Sunday, 16th February, 2025, 3 before Lent



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services this week:

Sunday January 9th at 9:30am Mission Room

Tuesday January 11th at 11am in Church

Hymn Board

Procession: 174 Breathe on me breath of God
Gradual: 461 Help us to help each other Lord
Office: Beauty for brokenness
Communion: 519 Make me a channel of your peace
Anthem: Blest are the ure in heart. Walford Davies
Recessional: 516 Love divine all loves excelling

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, Oliver Grigg, Ivan Titmus, Bob Haseldine and Sarina.

Those whose years Mind occurs at this time:- John Smith, Audrey Walters, Luke Charles Needle, Dorothy Haworth

Notices

Heating update: -- Just to let you know we continue to work to resolve the situation without heating, We have had the DAC heating advisor out who has produced a report to recommended options going forward with solutions. Once we receive the report, we will consider the guidance and the approach we can take, Morna and Churchwardens.

St Mary's Vision Statement

Some of you will remember I spoke of this a few weeks ago in church. After speaking with some of you after the service, how about the following:

'We seek to love as God loves, and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.'

Please let me, or church wardens know what you think.
Morna

What is coming up

Saturday, March 1st at 6.30pm in the Mission Room. Beetle Drive and Bingo with prizes, including refreshments. Speak to Julie, Julia or Joanne for Tickets, which are £5 an adult and £1 for accompanied children available from Julie, Julia or Joanne

Needle. Includes jacket potato plus filling. Bring own drinks, tea/coffee will be available

Summer Fete and Crowning the May Queen. Saturday 17th May in the Churchyard. Volunteers needed please speak to a Churchwarden or Events Group.

New Electoral Roll Renewal Prior to the APCM on 23rd March 2025, we must renew and revise the electoral roll. This means everyone, regardless of whether you are already listed, need to complete a new registration form and return it no later than 7th March. See Churchwardens for your forms.

Contact Forms:-

The distribution of information using the contact form details has worked well recently, if you haven't completed a form. We invite you to complete a contact form ask the Churchwardens for a form. 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. full details of our Privacy Notice can be found on the website: <https://stmarysfinedon.co.uk/privacy>. Thank You.

675 year anniversary celebrations

Over the next few months, we are encouraging you to "share your story". Whether its photos of a wedding, a christening or from one of our many events, email them to finedonchurchmagazine@gmail.com or speak to your churchwardens Colin and Julie. They can be of you, your friends or your ancestors. The photos and stories will form part of a display at our history open day later in the year.

Prayer Group:-

We will be back praying together at the vicarage at 12noon on Friday 21st February. All welcome contact Morna for more information.

Lent and Easter services

A detailed guide will be available to provide information on all service types and times for Lent and Easter from next week, this will be emailed out via the contact list, paper copies will be available for those who require a hard copy.

Events team:- Can the Events team have a brief meeting after Church on 16th February to discuss the Games Night on March 1st please.

Floodlight Sponsorship

Carolyn, Barbara, Leah and Jorja:- On the second anniversary of the death of John

Nip Walters and Family:- In memory of his dear wife, Mother and Nan on the first anniversary of her death

Trevor, Gary and Tracey Bivens:- In memory of Kathleen Bivens

Libby and Graham Webb:- to celebrate their Mum, Ann Swann's 80th birthday on February 3rd.

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Collect:- Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Amen

Old Testament:- A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Response to Psalm 1 :- Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

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They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked: they are like chaff which the wind blows away;

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Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.**R**

New testament A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

This is the word of the Lord

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

Post Communion Prayer:- Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

What's your gift

Following on from last Sunday we were asked to think about what gift or skill we have and how we can use this in our mission within the community. Have you thought about joining the PCC, pastoral team, Family Fun Day or are you hand with a paintbrush and hammer, refreshments or Events team. Speak to Morna or Churchwardens.

Annual Parich Church meeting

Will take place on 23rd March at 11am in the Church. Application forms for PCC are available from Churchwardens.

Outreach Coffee Morning

Thursday 20th February. Join us and bring a friend to meet and greet new and old friends.

Ash Wednesday service 5th March

Please return your old palm crosses for burning before 2nd March.

Open Church

During Holy Week, Saturday 13th to 19th March it is intended to open the Church between 10am and 2pm. Looking for Stewards to man this in 2 hour shifts. Refreshments available for volunteers and visitors. See Colin or Julie for a time slot.

Thank you to all who took part in Open the Book on Thursday in School.