

Sunday, 9th February, 2025, 4 before Lent



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A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services this week: Sunday January 9 th at 9:30am Mission Room Tuesday January 11 th at 11am in Church		
Hymn Board		
Procession:	368 All my hope in God is founded	
Gradual:	209 Lord be thy word my rule.	
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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.

Notices

Heating update: — Sunday Services – The 9.30 Eucharist service will continue to be at the Mission Room until the end of February. We thank everyone for their cooperation with this temporary change and hope to be back in church for Lent, Thank you, Morna and Churchwardens.

Open the Book

Open the Book For those who originally expressed an interest in supporting Open the Book at Finedon Mulso Junior School - We will be holding our next visit on Thursday 13th February at 2:50pm and need 8 people for our presentation based on The Good Samaritan. Please let me know if you are interested,

Pete Grindrod.

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.

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 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.

PLEASE NOTE Rev Morna will be at General Synod between 10th – 14th February, any communication can be forwarded to the churchwardens, Colin Needle 01933 682098 Julie Kightley 07936377030

Prayer Group:- Prayer Group Please note there will be no prayer group on Friday 14th February. We will be back praying together at the vicarage at 12noon on Friday 21st February. All welcome contact Morna for more information.

Floodlight Sponsorship

Ablett Family

Remembering Rod Ablett on his birthday with all their love.

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.

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Collect:- Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Response to Psalm 138 Great is the glory of the Lord!

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

R

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth. 6They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

R

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

R

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

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Post Communion Prayer:- Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen