

Sunday, 30th March, 2025, Mothering Sunday



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

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Sunday Link

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Services this week:

Sunday March 30th at 9:30am Church

Tuesday April 1st at 11am in Church

Hymn Board

Procession: 334 awake, awake: fling off the night
Gradual: 238 For Mary, Mother of our Lord.
Office: 606 Thy hand of God has guided omit v 5
Communion: 308 Just as I am
Anthem: For the beauty of the earth Rutter
Recessional: 530 Now thank we all our God

Please remember in your prayers this week the sick

Lauren, Janice Pinnock, Jean Rochester, Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Amy Su Armitage, Velma Munns, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher, Janet Maclean, Nina Beetson, Oliver Grigg, and Tracey Hawkes and those whose Years Mind occurs at this time:- Florence Emily Cole, Charles Arthur Freeman, Elsie May Gibson, Leslie Richard Pratt, Joyce Dorothy Cecil Cowley, Ada Beatrice Chapman, Wayne Emerton, Patricia Condliffe. **Also, those who have died recently please pray for Nancy Titman (106) and Bob Haseldine and his family.**

Please Note:- The Prayer Course

Throughout lent we are looking at The Prayer Course (<https://prayercourse.org/home/>) in groups meeting on Tuesday from 3pm or Thursday from 7pm at the Vicarage - do join us. **For this week only there will be no Tuesday prayer group, Thursday at 7pm is unaffected.**

Floodlight Sponsorship

Carolyn, Jane and Roger

In memory of dear Mum, Phyllis Neville on what would have been her birthday.

Annual General Meeting Reports for the annual general meeting being held 6th April at 11am in Church are now available at the back of Church.

DONATION We have received a very kind donation from The Bell for £100. They hold a quiz night on the last Thursday of the month to raise money for local charities and good causes in Finedon. We thank them very much for nominating St Mary's. If anyone is

looking for a fun evening remember to pop to the Bell on the last Thursday of the month.

Summer Fete and Crowning the May Queen. Saturday 17th May in the Churchyard. Volunteers needed please speak to a Churchwarden, Jane, Christine Chapman or Events Group member. Still need Volunteers to make cakes for Church Fete, donations for a plant stall, someone for a Children Stall. Call for all former May Queens and May King for a Photo shoot on May 17th at midday.

Beer and Hymns Sat 14th June

Part of the History Weekend

Easter Flowers :-The box for donations for Easter flowers will be by the South door.

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 are available for those who require a hard copy.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Parish Meeting will now be held on April 6th at 11am in Church.

Offers to make cakes for Christian Aid Coffee morning held at the Chapel Saturday May 10th

Volunteers still needed for Christian Aid and the Fete See Julie or Jane

Fundraising Opportunity 'Movement for Good' This round of voting has now closed, thank you to all whom have been able to help.

Pop up Easter Shop Easter cards and spring themed items are still available, all by donation. There are still squares available for the bag raffle at £1 ago.

Lego Request Many thanks for the kind donations of Lego. At our family funday we asked the Children 'if Jesus came to visit you today what transport would he use?' They created some very interesting transportation!

Thank you to Jean, Christine and Jan for organising and putting together the beautiful posies.

Bob's funeral will be held in Church on Friday, April 11th at 2.30pm.

Stations of the Cross.

Throughout Lent we will be meditating on the Stations of the Cross at the end of each service. This is an opportunity to enter into Jesus' journey to the cross a few stations at a time. During Holy Week all of the Stations will be available to pray through, whilst the Church is open from 10am until 2pm each day.

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Collect:- Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Old Testament:- A reading from the book of Exodus

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reply to Psalm 34 Come, children, and listen to me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

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Keep your tongue from evil-speaking and your lips from lying words. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

R

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

R

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

R

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all. He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

R

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who

consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post Communion Prayer:-

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen