

Sunday, 2nd March, 2025, Sunday 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 March 2nd at 9:30am Church
Evensong 2nd March in Church at 6pm
Tuesday March 4th 11am in Church

Hymn Board

Procession:	248 Tis good Lord to be here
Gradual:	321 Rise and hear the Lord is speaking
Office:	278 Alleluia sing to Jesus
Communion:	491 Jesus these eyes have never seen
Anthem:	Mine eyes have never seen
Recessional:	555 Praise my soul the King of Heaven

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, Bob Haseldine and Sarina.

For the recently departed: - Ivan Titmus

Those whose years Mind occurs at this time:-

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.

Congratulations

To the Gardening Team who have received the Pride of Finedon Award. Well done all you keen gardeners and to Bryan who coordinates the team. Photo coming up Facebook and in next month's magazine.

What is coming up

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

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

New Electoral Roll Renewal Prior to the APCM on 6th April 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.

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.

AGM

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

Easter Flowers

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

Floodlight Sponsorship

Trefoil Guild

Open The Book

The next Open the Book will be on Thursday 27th March at 2:45 in the Junior School. We will be telling the story of Jesus entry into Jerusalem, If you are able to take part please let either Julia H or Pete know by 2nd March. We will need 9 volunteers, including the donkey! Once we have our volunteers we will meet after church on 9th March to allocate parts.

Lighting in Church.

If you have been in church, you will have noticed the wonderful new lights. Many thanks to all those who donated to this cause, we were able to cover the cost of the new chandeliers as well as the cost of installation through everyone's generosity. May need sunglasses.

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Collect:- Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Old Testament:- A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Response to Psalm Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God.

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

R

‘O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.’ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

R

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord and he answered them. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

R

‘O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.’ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

R

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

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the

Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Post Communion Prayer:- Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Don’t forget Ash Wednesday 5th March

Reminder Events Team meeting:- 10th March , 7pm at Jean’s abode.