

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> April, 2025, Easter 2.**



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

*A community together in faith.*

## Sunday Link

*Connecting a community*

Contacts		
Rev Morna Simpson		07526 026794
Rev'd Morna's Parish days are Tues, Thurs & Sun		
Churchwardens	Julie Kightley	07936 377030
	Colin Needle	01933 682098

### Services this week:

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 9:30am in Church

Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 11am in Church

### Hymn Board

Procession: 159 The strife is over  
Gradual: 150 Loves redeeming work is done  
Office: 138 At the Lambs high feast  
Communion:  
Anthem: Ave Verum - Elgar  
Recessional: 163 All hail the power of Jesus name

### **Please remember in your prayers this week** **the sick**

Janice Pinnock, Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Amy Su Armitage, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher. Janet Maclean, Nina Beetson, Oliver Grigg, Nesta Sumptor and Tracey Hawkes and those whose Years Mind occurs at this time:- Alice Shipton and Marion Murkett. **Also, those who have died recently please pray for Nancy Titman, Jean Rochester, Velma Swindell and Velma Munns.**

### **Please Note:- The Prayer Course**

The Prayer group will start again in May. Dates and times to be announced.

### **Floodlight Sponsorship**

### **Carole and Paul Mitchell**

In memory of their friend Penny Sewell who sadly passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025. RIP

### **Open the Book**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at the Junior School. Can those involved please meet in the school at 2:00. Thanks Pete"

### **Velma Munns Funeral**

This will be Tuesday 3rd June, 1pm Service in church. At 2pm a private committal in the cemetery with only Charles and Christopher attending, everyone else stay in church for refreshments.

### **CRAFT & CHAT**

We will be meeting next Saturday 3rd May anyone welcome to join us for a chat or to work on any craft projects 10 – 12 in the meeting room.

### **Summer fair requests**

Any help with the following would be much appreciated;  
. Donations of jigsaws would be welcome - see Colin  
. Donations of small tombola prizes appreciated - see Joanne N or Jean  
. Raffles prize donations welcome - see Philip Powis  
. Plants see Joyce

### **VE Day 80th Anniversary - As part of a day of events, a of reflection and celebration will be held in**

### **Church**

**Thursday 8th May at 7:30pm.**

**Still need Offers to make cakes for Christian Aid**

**Coffee morning held at for the Chapel Saturday**

**May 10th and Church Fete**

See Julie or Jane

### **Cafe Church**

From May we will be trying something different on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. On May 11<sup>th</sup> will be meeting at 9:30am, in the Mission Room enjoying breakfast and a chat with poems, music and crafts. This is something new and we will see how it goes but we hope by casting our net on the other side we can find those who want to find faith but are not comfortable to come to Church. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> service on the Sunday afternoon in Church for holy communion with 'Smells and Bells'.

### **Coffee Morning 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Well done Events Team made £198.00

Next coffee morning 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**THANK YOU** :- Barabara and family would like to thank everyone for their kind donation in memory of Bob. Money is still coming in, but so far in excess of £450 has been raised for the church.

### **Prayer Group Dates for May**

Wednesday 7th May - at 4 Yorke Close, off Berry Green Road

Thursday 22nd May - at the vicarage

**Collect:-** Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

**Amen**

**Old Testament:- A reading from the book of Exodus.** As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> April, 2025, Easter 2.**

today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

**. This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God**

**Congregation response to Psalm 118:-This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!'

**R**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

**R**

'This is the gate of the Lord; whoever is righteous may enter.' I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

**R**

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R**

**Second Reading:- A reading from the Acts of the**

**Apostles.** When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

**This is the name of the Lord. Thanks be to God**

**Hear the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to**

**John.** It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came. After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.