

SUNDAY 25th, 2025, Easter 6



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services this week:

Sunday 25th May, 9:30am in Church

Tuesday 27th May, 11am in Church

Hymn Board

Procession: 502 Light's abode celestial
Gradual: 400 City of God how broad
Offertory: 482 Jerusalem the golden
Communion: 180 Come thou holy spirit.
Anthem: Tallas if Ye love me
Recessional: 538 O Jesus I have promised

Please remember in your prayers this week the sick

Janice Pinnock, Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Amy Su Armitage, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher, Nina Beetson, Oliver Grigg, and also those whose Years Mind occurs at this time:- Barabara Sheilds and Malcolm Peet. Those who have died recently please pray for Richard Sam Cotter, Velma Munns and Janet McLean.

Please Note:- The Prayer Course

Thursday 29th May - at the vicarage 7pm.

Floodlight Sponsorship

Pat Peet and Family

Remembering Malcolm with love on the 6th anniversary of his death

Julie Titmuss and family

In memory of Ivan on what would have been his 89th birthday.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Christian Aid coffee morning error – it raised £360.00 not £380.00. (Yes! Someone should go to Spec Savers.)

Janet Mclean's funeral Friday 6th June

10am at the Crem first, 11am in Church.

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.

Annual Summer Fete, Saturday 14th May

Raised about £1300.00 (still bits and bobs on sale)

Thank you to all you hard workers and donators.

675th Anniversary. History Day Celebrations 14th June

"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' events. The photos and stories will form part of a display at our history open day later in the year.

List on Notice board for stewards on Saturday.

Followed by Beer and Hymns

At 7.30pm

Tickets £5.00 including 1 free drink.

Paperwork to choose Hymns now available.

Speak to Julia, Julie or Colin for tickets or hymn list.

Ascension Day Service

Thursday 29th May at 7pm

Bag Raffle:

The final numbers were filled over the Summer Fete and our new May Queen, Chiara pulled out the winning ticket No 17 -Janet Harris. Congratulations and thank you to everyone for supporting this and to Chris Pawlowski for the donation. £50 has been given for the restoration/reordering. Thank You

Crosses:

Thank you to everyone who has decorated their cross they look lovely. If you haven't returned yours yet, please do so by the end of May so we can create a display of your artwork. Thank You

Wine Walk About

Saturday 19th July, put your name down with Philip Powis. Tickets £20.00. This is a non-profit making social event. Limited numbers.

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Collect:- Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Old Testament reading from Ezekiel:-

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones,

And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.

Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Congregations response to psalm 67 Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

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Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

R

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing. May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

R

New testament reading A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

Gospel:- Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

Post communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of
goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and
for ever.

Amen