

SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2025, Easter 7



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

*A community together in faith.*

## Sunday Link

*Connecting a community*

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### Services this week:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 9:30am, 6pm in Church

Tuesday 3rd, June 11am in Church

#### Hymn Board

Procession: 167 Hail the Day that sees him rise  
Gradual: 172 The head that once  
Offertory: 490 Jesus shall reign  
Communion: 278 Alleluia sing to Jesus  
Anthem: Come Holy Ghost  
Recessional: 163 All hail the power

### 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, Janet Beresford and also those whose Years Mind occurs at this time:- Nathan Wilmot.  
Those who have died recently please pray for Richard Sam Cotter, Velma Munns, Janet McLean and Daphne Campion.

### Please Note:- The Prayer Course

Thursdays every fortnight at 4 Yorke Close  
7pm.

### Floodlight Sponsorship

Finedon Trefoil Guild

### Janet Mclean's funeral Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am Café Church in Mission Room

4pm Holy Ground Eucharist in Church

### 675<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. History Day

### Celebrations 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Readers List

**If you would like to read a lesson on a  
Sunday in Church , please speak to Jane  
Read today as a new list is about to be  
compiled.**

### Wine Walk About

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

**Collect:-** Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

**Old Testament reading from Ezekiel**

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God**

**Congregations response to Psalm 97:- The Lord is king, most high over all the earth.**

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.

**R**

His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**R**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods. Zion hears and is glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O Lord. For you are the Lord: most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**R**

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.

**R**

**New testament reading from Acts**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the

magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night, he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

**Post communion Prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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