

SUNDAY 11th, 2025, Easter 4.



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services this week:

Sunday 11th May, 9:30am in the Mission Room
Café Church, Breakfast followed by poetry, games, craft stories and more.

Sunday 11th May, 4pm in Church :- traditional Liturgy with modern music, healing prayer Ministry and modern worship music and reflective time to tune into God..

Tuesday 13th May, 11am in Church :- Eucharist

Hymn Board

Procession:
Gradual:
Office:
Communion:
Anthem:
Recessional:

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 Sumpter and those whose Years Mind occurs at this time:- Heather Scott. Also, those who have died recently please pray for Velma Swindell, Richard Sam Cotter and Velma Munns.

Please Note:- The Prayer Course

Thursday 22nd May - at the vicarage 7pm.

Floodlight Sponsorship

Derek, Josh and Abbey

In memory of Heather Scott

On the anniversary of her death.

Church Coffee morning

Thursday 15th May, in the Mission Room 10am until midday. Bring a friend and meet old friends.

VE Day – Thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, Christian, the choir, Jean and the Events Team for providing and serving refreshments and all those who helped on the evening. A lot of work goes into preparation of these events, and we are extremely blessed. Morna and Churchwardens.

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 in the Church and the Churchyard** **and crowning of the May Queen at**

1200

To 4pm

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.
Help offered speak to Christine Chapman?

Thank you

To all who supplied cakes and or ingredients for Christian Aid and attended the Coffee morning.

Cafe Church

From May we will be trying something different on the 2nd Sunday. On May 11th will be meeting at 9:30am, **in the Mission Room - Cafe Church** - Join us for breakfast as we sit down as families and friends exploring monthly themes through crafts, stories, poetry, games and more. **4pm in Church - Holy Ground** - Traditional liturgy with incense and bells infused with modern worship music, healing prayer ministry and reflective time to tune into God.

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Collect:- Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Old Testament:- A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing, that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So, the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear

my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.