

**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Easter 3.**



**St Mary the Virgin | Finedon**

*A community together in faith.*

**Sunday Link**

*Connecting a community*

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**Services this week:**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 9:30am in Church

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 11am in Church

**Hymn Board**

Procession: 165 Christ is King

Gradual: 237 We sing the glorious conquest

Office: 610 To the name of our salvation

Communion:

Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silent

Recessional: 162 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

**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 Tracey Hawkes and those whose Years Mind occurs at this time:- Ada Stacey, Doris Emily Chapman, Walter Cedric Carrol.

**Also, those who have died recently please pray for Nancy Titman, Jean Rochester, Velma Swindell, Richard Sam Cotter and Velma Munns.**

**Please Note:- The Prayer Course**

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

Thursday 22nd May - at the vicarage 7pm.

**Floodlight Sponsorship**

**The Finedon Mother's Union**

To celebrate the Branch's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Mother's Union 100<sup>th</sup> birthday service**

In Church at 2pm, All welcome.

**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.

**Easter Pop up shop:**

Thank you for all your support £66.30 has been raised which will be allocated to the re-ordering fund. Special thanks to all our crafters for their creations. (The Bag raffle is over halfway and will be drawn soon). Many thanks Julie

**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 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - As part of a day of events, 9:30 and Wreath Laying (Finedon War Memorial)

2pm Afternoon Tea

6:30pm The Big Ring Out. (St Mary's Bell Ringers)

7pm A Service of Reflection and Celebration (In Church)

Followed by Refreshments. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm.

**Still need Offers to make cakes for Christian Aid Coffee r  
for the Chapel Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> 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 - 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.

**Christian Aid coffee morning:-**

to be held at the Chapel this Saturday 10th May, 10-12 noon. Thank you to all who have made donations for ingredients and promise of cakes. Please do come and support this event if you can. There are envelopes at the back of Church if you would like to support their work but are unable to join us on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able help, please speak to Julie. Many thanks

**Church Fete & Crowning of the May Queen** 12pm - 4pm

on Saturday 17th May. We are encouraging all former Finedon May Queens to attend a mass photo at 12pm just after this year's May Queen is crowned as part of our 675th Anniversary Celebrations. **Beer & Hymns 14<sup>th</sup> July** To wrap up our History Day why not take part in Beer & Hymns! Grab a pint and warm up your voice for a fun evening of singing and entertainment. Hymn nominations open from next week. Tickets available from the Events Team £5.00 first drink free..

**Collect:-** Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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**Old Testament:- A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.** Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

**This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God**  
**Congregation response to Psalm 30:- O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

You have made us, Lord, as strong as the mountains. I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me. **R**

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. **R**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. **R**

While I felt secure, I said, 'I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains.' Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. **R** I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying, 'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.' **R** You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy; Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

**R**  
**Second Reading:- A reading from the Acts of the Apostles..'**

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

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

**Gospel:-** Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by

the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went but and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. 1When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'