

SUNDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, Trinity 6



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

*A community together in faith.*

## Sunday Link

*Connecting a community*

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### Services this week:

9.30pm Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July

11am Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July

#### Hymn Board

Procession	516 Love Divine
Gradual:	359 Rejoice, O Land in God
Offertory:	386 Be Thou my vision
Communion:	416 Father hear the prayer
Anthem:	Let Thy merciful ears - Mudd
Recessional:	453 Great is Thy faithfulness

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

Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher, Nina Beetson, Oliver Grigg, Betty Horton, Muriel Brooks, Janet Beresford, Nip Walters .

For those who have died recently please pray for Janice Pinnock and those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time:- Pat Richardson

#### Sponsored Light

#### Finedon Buffs

#### Summer Treats

Afternoon Tea on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 Wellingborough Rd in aid of the Garden fund. Tickets £8.00 available from Jean.

#### Afternoon Tea

In aid of the heating system at Mr and Mrs Hendry's  
Raised approximately £250,00,  
Thank you to all who attended and those who gave so generously.

**Please note no Evensong on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, choir on holiday.**

#### Open Gardens

At Neil and Jonathan's, 24 Regent Street, Finedon, NN9 5NB on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, open from 12 to 4pm. Price £4.50, children free. Teas in aid of St. Mary the Virgin .

#### Biscuits for School

On behalf of the infant and junior school staff, I just want to say a huge thank you for the huge box of biscuits delivered to each school with a lovely message for the staff. It was really appreciated and staff who have a gluten free diet were really delighted that they had been thought of in the selection of biscuits!

Mrs Lloyd Williams  
Head Teacher

#### CRAFT DE-STASH!

St Mary's have received numerous donations of various craft items all to help Church funds. I am planning to run a Craft De-Stash at the Mission Room next month (date to be confirmed) in the hope to sell as much as possible with all funds going to the heating. If you have items to donate, please speak to Julie. Please note any items still left after this event will be sorted and either used or sent to local Charity shops. Refreshments will also be offered and hopefully people will stop to shop and craft too.

#### **The Vicar & Churchwardens invite you to a community BBQ**

**Sunday 10th August from 2pm until 4pm**

Hot food and rolls will be provided along with a welcome drink

Any support of additional accompaniments as a bring and share would be welcome see list in church

Tickets available from the Churchwardens

**Please bring your own chair and drinks**

#### Events Team

Meeting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July Tingdene Road the Needles Residence 7pm.

**Collect** Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**First Reading :- A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.**

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, ‘Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.’ So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the LORD said to him, ‘Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.’ She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, ‘Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.’ When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said, ‘Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.’ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ it shall be said to them, ‘Children of the living God.’

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

**Response to psalm 85:-**

**Show us your mercy, O Lord and grant us your salvation.**

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins. You have withdrawn all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

**R**

Restore us then, O God our Saviour; let your anger depart from us. Will you be displeased with us for ever? will you prolong your anger from age to age? Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

**R**

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

**R**

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**R**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**R**

**Second Reading. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.**

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ, when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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**Thanks be to God.**

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’ And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

**Post communion prayer.**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**