

Sunday before Lent, 15th February, 2026



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services this week:

Sunday 15th February, 9.30 am Eucharist
Tuesday 17th February, 11am Communion

Procession	392 Bright the Vision
Gradual	386 Be Thou my Vision
Offertory	Sheet - Longing for light
Communion	308 Just as I am
Anthem	If ye Love me - Tallis
Recessional	2 Christ whose Glory

Please remember in your prayers this week the sick

Ron, Marilyn, Claire, Christopher Munns, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher, Nina Beetson, Sarina, Gill Foster, Mark Butts, Georgie Grigg, Sheila Patrick, David Hawker and David Wison.

Also giving thanks remembering those whose Years Mind occurs at this time:- Luke Needle, Dorothy Haworth, 1999, George Alfred Shields and Ivan Titmus.

Floodlight Sponsorship

In memory of Ivan Titmus who died on 19th February 2025 and other relatives and friends who have died in the last 18 months.

Wooden Crosses

We need more wooden crosses! Last year we asked you to decorate a cross to help us create a unique artwork cross. Unfortunately, we don't have enough to do this, so we have more blanks for people to take and decorate. Speak to Julie, thank you.

Lenten Study Group

Advance notice that there will be the opportunity to meet each Tuesday during Lent, starting on 24th February at the vicarage. Meetings will start at 7:00 for approximately one hour. Details to follow.

Thursday 19th February

Coffee morning folks 10 to 12 in the Mission Room

Lots of raffle prizes and cake.
Coffee and biscuits only £1.50.
Great company

A Night at the Races

Friday, March 27th, 2026.

The Finedon Buffs and the Church Events Team are organising an exciting Race Night, which promises to be great fun for the whole family. Raising money for the Buffs and St. Mary's Church at the Cricket Club. Doors open 7pm first race will commence promptly at 19:30. Free entry but Hot Dogs will be available and the bar open. Lots of competitive fun, horses, jockeys, raffle and have a little flutter. Horses and Jockeys are now on sale from the Events team. Sponsor a Race, horse or jockey speak to a Church warden who have sponsor sheets.

Auction of Promises by the Events Team

Coming up in June still raising funds for the new heating:

Looking for more Promises. We need 50 Promises of all kinds, large or small.

Can you offer anything for Auction, bespoke artwork, a tootle on the Church organ, Restaurant vouchers, free dance lessons, handmade craft, dog walking, language lesson, lawn mowing, tour of the Church and Monks cell. Handyman with small repairs and painting jobs, home tuition, car wash, Man with a Van, etc
Offers to Jane Read or a member of the Events Team please.

Ash Wednesday

Please bring back your Palm Crosses before 18.2.26

The beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday service 18th February at 7pm in Church

Raffle prizes

The Events team are looking for Raffle prizes for the Race Night evening. Any unwanted Christmas presents gratefully accepted please give to Julie or Colin.

Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform the Welcomers.

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Collect:- Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading from the book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Congregational response to Psalm 2:- You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats? Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his anointed?

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'Let us break their yoke', they say; 'let us cast off their bonds from us.' He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision.

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Then he speaks to them in his wrath and his rage fills them with terror. 'I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.' Let me announce the decree of the Lord: he said to me, 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.'

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Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.'

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And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him; Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are they all who take refuge in him

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Second reading :- A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all, you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Post communion prayer. Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**