


# Easter 6, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

 <b>St Mary the Virgin   Finedon</b> <i>A community together in faith.</i>													
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<p><b><u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am Sunday Eucharist and 4pm Holy Ground in Church</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 11am in Church</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day 7pm</u></b></p>													
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<p><b><u>Please remember in your prayers this week the sick</u></b></p> <p>Marilyn, Claire, Christopher Munns, Dave Cheney, Mark, Nina Beetson, Sarina, Gill Foster, Mark Butts, Georgie Grigg, David Wilson, Sharon Read and Christine Pawlowski.</p> <p>We pray for those who have recently died known to us remembering Margaret Coombs, Alan Palmer and those whose Years Mind occurs at this time remembering especially Heather Scott. May she rest in peace.</p>													
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>- <u>Spiritual Growth Group.</u></b></p> <p>The Spiritual Growth Group will meet on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm at 4 Yorke Close. We will be studying Psalm 23 in the book Journalling the Psalms. Look forward in seeing you Yvonne and Pete.</p> <p>Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May and each fortnight until 14<sup>th</sup> July, 4 Yorke Close 7 – 7.30pm. Yvonne and Pete.</p>													
<p><b><u>Margarets Funeral</u></b></p> <p>The funeral of Margaret Coombs will be held at 3pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May in church, followed by committal at Wellingborough Crematorium.</p>													

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Re-Ordering preparations:-</u></b></p> <p>Over the next 3 weeks we will be removing everything out of Church and finding homes to store as much as possible until after all work has been completed. To help reduce this we will temporarily stop both the Food Bank collection and Raffle boxes. HOWEVER if you would like to donate to the Food Bank please speak to Julie, likewise any items you would like to donate for raffle prizes for use over the year, please speak to Jane, Julia, Jean, Jan or member of the Events team. Please do not leave items in Church during the re-ordering process this needs to remain clear. If you are able to help pack and clear the Church please talk to Colin.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thank You Churchwardens</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Christian Aid Week Coffee Morning</u></b></p> <p><b>10am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at the Chapel. Julie is asking if you can make a cake for this event.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sponsored Lights</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Derek, Josh and Abby</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">In memory of Heather Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>To Celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Peter and Lesley Baden</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>To celebrate Fr Peter and Lesley Baden's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 11<sup>th</sup></u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Jane Read</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mary Shipton and Jean Wills</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Memory of their Mum, Nora Moissey on what would have been her birthday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Finedon St Mary's Mother's Union</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">In memory of their longstanding former member ,Margaret Coombs, who sadly passed away.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>"Date for your diary"</u></b></p> <p>Gardeners Tea Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at Jean's, 3 Wellingborough Road. Tickets available later."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thanks, Jean</p>

**Collect:-** Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**First Reading from the book of Genesis** Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, will never cease."

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

"But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an

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accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being.

“Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind. As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.”

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.” And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth. **This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**Congregational response to Psalm 66 - Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard.** Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard. Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. **R**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. **R**

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats. **R**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me. I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue. If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

**R**

But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

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**Second reading is from Acts of the Apostles.**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at

the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’

**Post Communion Prayer.** God our Father whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for

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you, the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

**Amen**