



St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

*A community together in faith.*

## Sunday Link

*Connecting a community*

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am Sunday Eucharist**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 11am Communion in Church**

**Please note there will be no Evensong the 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

#### Hymns

Procession	175 Come down O Love Divine
Gradual	548 One more step along the road I go
Offertory	513 Shine Jesus shine
Choir	Spirit of the living God
Communion	284 Bread of Heaven
Anthem	Come Holy Ghost
Recessional	198 There's a spirit in the air.

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

Marilyn, Claire, Christopher Munns, Dave Cheney, Mark, Nina Beetson, Sarina, Gill Foster, Mark Butts, Georgie Grigg, David Wilson, and Lee. 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 Barbara Shields, Malcolm Peet, Pete Haseldine, Nathan Wilmott and Edward Shipton. May they rest in peace.

#### **- Spiritual Growth Group.**

The Spiritual Growth Group will meet on Tuesday 2nd June at 7 pm at 4 Yorke Close and each fortnight until 14<sup>th</sup> July. Look forward in seeing you Yvonne and Pete. and each fortnight until 14<sup>th</sup> July,

#### **Events Team**

**Meeting on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> at Christine Chapmans at 7pm**

#### **Re-Ordering Preparations:-**

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.

Thank You Churchwardens

**Coffee Morning raised this week, £200.00.**

#### **Auction of Promises**

**27<sup>th</sup> June in the Gladstone 7.30pm**

We are still asking for Promises. Part of the list is available, and we will be accepting sealed bids if you are unable to join us on the night.

#### **"Date for your diary"**

Gardeners Tea, Thursday 9th July at Jean's, 3 Wellingborough Road. Tickets available later."  
Jean

#### **Sponsored Lights**

#### **Pat Peet and Family**

In loving memory of Malcolm

**Barbara, Joanne, Debbie, James and families**

Remembering Pete Haseldine, brother-in-law and Uncle on the first anniversary of his death.

#### **Miss Sheira Gee**

In memory of Nathan Wilmott who would have been 28 years old this year.

Pentecost, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

**Collect:** - Heavenly Father, By the power of your Holy Spirit, you give to your faithful people new life in the water of Baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, That we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ, Who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading from the book of Numbers** Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. **This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**Congregational response to Psalm 104:- Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**R**

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

**R**

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good things. You hide your face and they are terrified; you take away their breath and they die and return to their dust.

**R**

You send forth your Spirit and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**R** I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia!

**Second reading is from Acts of the Apostles.** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"'

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

**John.** It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

**Post Communion Prayer.** Eternal God, our beginning and our end. Preserve in your people the new life of baptism: As Christ receives us on earth. So may He guide us through the trials of this world and enfold us in the joy of heaven, Where you live and reign one God for ever and ever, Amen