All Saints Day, 1st November, 2026

St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Rev. Yvonne's working hours Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday please contact the Churchwardens outside these times.

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Services in Church

Sunday 1st November 9.30am Eucharist and All Souls Evensong at 6pm.

Tuesday 3rd November, 11am Eucharist in Church

Hymns:-

Procession	For all the Saints
Gradual	604 Through all the changing scenes
Offertory	383 Be still for the presence of the Lord
Communion	109 It is a thing most wonderful
Anthem	Holy is the true light - Harris
Recessional	585 The Church is one foundation

Please remember in your prayers this week the sick

Brian, Marilyn, Claire, Christopher Munns, Dave Cheney, Nina Beetson, Mark Butts, Georgie Grigg, David Wilson, Jonathon Reynolds, Antoinio Riccio, Snowy (Johnny Ellson), Michael, Nicky, John Nobles, Mark Ealey.
We also pray for those who have recently died remembering known to us remembering Derek Norman and also those whose Years Mind occur at this time

RUSHDEN TOWN BAND CONCERT

tickets are now available! Saturday 28th November 2026 at 7:30pm. Tickets £10 each. See Julie

CRAFT & CHAT Saturday 7th November Church will be open 10-1 pm. All are welcome to join us for a chat and a cuppa

Sponsored Lights

Harry and Sue Nicholls

To celebrate their Grandson, Elliot's 18th birthday on 1st November.

John, Julie and Joanne

Remembering Mum, Iris Mason, on the first anniversary of her passing.

All Souls Service of Remembrance and Reflection

An evening service to remember all those we have lost and to celebrate their lives On Sunday 1st November at 6pm. If you would like anyone to be remembered and their names read out in prayer, please let your churchwardens Julie or Colin know and fill in the list in church.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are now available if you, or a group of you, would like to pack a box full of goodies for children. Leaflets are also available to guide you as to what you can include. If you have any questions, speak to **Meg**. Please return your boxes by **Sunday 15th November** at the latest. Thank you to Meg for providing the boxes and organising the collection.

Christmas Tree Festival

Wonder and Wildlife: - Fri 4th, Sat 5th, Sun 6th December plus Winter Glow Lightshow.
Trees, decorate with the Beauty of the earth:- Colours, pets, plants, Christmas creatures, Reindeer, Polar Bears, Robins, Landscapes, historical, mythological, weather sea, Rainbows, and or a Partridge in a pear tree.

Folks:- Wanted volunteers to steward at the Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Light Show.

Sign up at the back of the back of the Church.

Raffle prizes needed

For the Coffee Morning, Band Concert and Christmas Tree Festival.

Confirmation Service and Holy Communion

Sunday 8th November, 4pm by Bishop Debbie
Please come and support those being confirmed,

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Collect God of all holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Congregational response to Psalm 34:- Those who trust in him will understand truth and the faithful will abide with him in love.

I will always bless the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.

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I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror. Look upon him and be radiant and let not your faces be ashamed. I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles

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The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

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Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

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New Testament A reading from the first letter of John. 1

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Post Communion God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Prayer for a new Priest. Heavenly Father, We pray during this period of vacancy and ask that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others and welcome newcomers. Lord Jesus, guard and grow this parish as we serve you together in this period without a vicar.