22nd November, 2026, Sunday before Advent

Christ the King

St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services in Church

Sunday 22nd November 9.30am Eucharist

Tuesday 24th November, 11am Eucharist

Hymns:-

Procession	562 Rejoice the Lord is King
Gradual	Sheet In Christ Alone
Offertory	601 Thou didst leave thy throne
Communion	Sheet - Jesus remind me
Anthem	O Sing Joyfully Batten
Recessional	398 Christ Triumphant

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 and also those whose Years Mind occur at this time, Martin and Margaret Pettitt and Emily Woods RIP.

RUSHDEN TOWN BAND CONCERT
tickets are now available! Saturday 28th November 2026 at 7:30pm. Tickets £10 each. See Julie
Licensed Bar opens at 7pm
Beer, wine and fruit juice available

Sponsored Lights
The Pettitt Family
In memory of Martin and Margaret.

Barabra, Pat and Families
In loving memory of their Mum, Emily Mildred Woods on the anniversary of her death.

Date for your Diary
Saturday 12th December
Community Carols Together in Song 6pm

Church Bakers
Jean is asking for donations of cakes for the Christmas Tree Festival for Refreshment please on Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December which will be greatly appreciated. Speak to Jean if you need collection.

Christmas Tree Festival
It's not too late to enter a Christmas Tree, please speak to Christine Chapman to fill out your form before Sunday 29th November.
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.

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

LIGHT UP A LIFE FOR CHRISTMAS

At the Midnight Mass service on Christmas Eve, we will light candles of remembrance and celebration. These (if weather permits) will be placed along the pathway or in the porch. If you would like a candle lit in celebration or remembrance of someone, you are invited to write their name on the list at the back of Church. We suggest a donation of £2 per Name/Candle. If you are unsure or need help, please speak to Janet Harris. Thank you

Windowsills.
For those who decorate windowsills please do so on Wednesday 2nd December. lease fill with lights, greenery etc. Thank You

We still have 12 vacant spaces for stewardship over the Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Light Show.
The Events Team are all tied up in other jobs.
Beware of Jane with a piece of paper and pencil in her hand recruiting.

Coffee morning
On 19th November took £233.00. Well, done Events Team.

The Children's Society - We have some Christingle candle collection boxes, if anyone would like to take one or two home and fill with change these are now available at the back of Church, please return on the 20th December. Thank you for your support.

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Collect God the Father. help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service whose Kingdom has no end for He reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one Glory. **Amen**

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel:- Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. **This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.**

Congregational response to Psalm 95:- The Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. **R**

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **R**

New Testament reading from Paul to the Ephesians 1. 15 - 23 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. **This is the word of the Lord**

'Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Post communion prayer. Stir up., O Lord. The wills of your faithful people. That they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works may by you be plenteously rewarded. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**