15th November. 2026. 2nd before Advent

Safeguarding Sunday

St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services in Church

Sunday 15th November 9.30am Eucharist we welcome Rev. Tony Lynett

Tuesday 17th November, 11am Eucharist we welcome Fr Stan.

Hymns:-

Procession 474 Immortal Invisible
Gradual 2 Christ whose glory
Offertory 537 Oh God our help in ages past.
Communion 617 Thy Kingdom come
Anthem Listen sweet dove - ives
Recessional 571 Soldiers of Christ arise.

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, Phyllis Neville, George Wood and Margaret Wilson.

Only 2 weeks left before

RUSHDEN TOWN BAND CONCERT

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

Sponsored Lights

The Mears Family
In memory of Liam.

Emma and Family
In memory of Simon Baker, loved and sadly missed.

Date for your Diary

Saturday 12th December
Community Carols Together in Song 6pm

FAMILY FUNDAY - This Sunday 15th November in Church 2-4pm We will be making lots of decorations ready for the Christmas Tree Festival, all are welcome.

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.

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.

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

Safe Guarding Sunday 15th November.
1 Corinthians 13. V 7
Love Protects

Collect Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in

new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

13th November, 2016, 3rd before Advent

Safeguarding Sunday

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah. Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Congregational response to Psalm 90 :- Satisfy us by your loving-kindness: so shall we rejoice and be glad. Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. You turn us back to the dust and say, 'Go back, O child of earth.' **R**

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**

For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation. Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **R**

When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone. Who regards the power of your wrath? who rightly fears your indignation? **R**

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **R**

New Testament reading, from Paul to the Thessalonians Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. **This is the word of the Lord'**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.

Post Communion Prayer, Gracious Lord, who in this holy sacrament dost give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.