8th November, 2026 Remembrance Sunday

And Tuesday 10th November

St Mary the Virgin | Finedon

A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services in Church

Sunday 8th November 9.30am service of the word, 10.45am at the War Memorial and Confirmation Service with communion at 4pm led by Bishop Debbie.

Tuesday 10th November, 11am Eucharist in Church

Hymns:-
Procession
Gradual
Offertory
Communion
Anthem
Recessional

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, Thomas White.

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

Jane, Roger and Carolyn

In memory of Andrea Neville on what would have been her birthday

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.

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

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Sunday Readings

Collect. Almighty and Eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted either by death or life. Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day: fulfil in them the purpose of your love and bring us with all them to your eternal joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the book of Michah

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.
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: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Tuesdays Readings

First Reading

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.
This is the word of the lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Matthew 25, 1 - 13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "or the hour yet. Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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.