

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

Walking together in the Way of Christ and sharing His love with others

Sunday 11th May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter



8.00am Holy Communion in Clapham Church

9.30am Eucharist in Findon Church

249 Great is thy faithfulness; **620** Such love;

I vow to thee, my country (words on back of pewsheets);

649 The King of love my shepherd is

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Thomas Webster and Olivia Steventon

David Stead and Natasha Davies

James Dickinson and Katie Bedwin

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Sunday 18th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church

9.30am Eucharist in Findon Church

10.00am Eucharist in Clapham Church

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter



Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 9: 36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'
Other readings for today: Gen. 7: 1-5, 11-18; 8: 6-18; 9: 8-13; Ps. 23; Rev. 7: 9-end

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 12th

John 10: 1-10 (or 11-18)

Tuesday 13th

Acts 7.51 – 8.1a; Ps. 31: 1-5, 16; John 6: 30-35

Wednesday 14th – Matthias the Apostle

John 15: 9-17

Thursday 15th

John 13: 16-20

Friday 16th

John 14: 1-6

Saturday 17th

John 14: 7-14

Sunday 18th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11: 1-18; Ps. 148 (or 148: 1-6); Rev. 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35

Please remember in your prayers:

- Our children and young people; staff from our schools and preschool; our work with children and young people.
- Those in Beech Close, Clapham Close and Arundel Road.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Daintree; Jane Wyatt; Richard; Adrian Kewell; Tony; Caroline Allcorn
- On their anniversary: **15th** Eileen Bamford
- **RIP:** Peter Vaughan

NOTICES

Christian Aid Week – Evensong at Chichester Cathedral – Tues. 13th May, 5.30pm
With speaker Pete Moorey, Christian Aid Head of Church and Community

Sussex Folk Group ‘Cotillion’ Concert – Findon Church, Sat. 26th July, 7.00pm

“The Last Trip Home” – a celebration of the working horse and ox in song and verse. This will be the second fundraising concert Cotillion have done for us. The last one was very enjoyable; so please do come along and support this if you can. Tickets, available from Peckhams, are £7.50, but no charge for under 16’s.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM will be held at 10.45am on Sun. 25th May in Findon Church. All welcome. Applications for Church Wardens/PCC members very welcome. Please see Helena. **Last call for any outstanding APCM reports!**

I vow to thee, my country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know
We may not count her armies, we may not see her king
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering
And soul by soul, and silently her shining bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace



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