

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 25th January 2026

Conversion of Paul

The Third Sunday after Epiphany



8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church (Revd. Roger Walker)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church
 375 King of glory, King of peace; 609 Songs of thankfulness; 540 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray; 485 O for a thousand tongues

We welcome the Revd. Roger Walker to our Holy Communion Service

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 2-4.00pm – Tea/Coffee/biscuits in Findon Village Hall. Just pop in!

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
 1.00pm – Light Lunch @ 1pm – Findon Village Hall. £6.
 2.00pm – Tea @2 – Clapham & Patching Village Hall. £1
 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 1st February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church
10.00am Worship & Praise in Findon Church with Cornerstone
10.00am Eucharist in Patching Church (Archdeacon Tom)



Collect for the Conversion of Paul

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 9: 1-22

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19: 27-30

Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 26th

Luke 10: 1-9

Tuesday 27th

2 Sam. 6: 12-15, 17-19; Ps. 24: 7-10; Mark 3: 31-35

Wednesday 28th

Mark 4: 1-20

Thursday 29th

Mark 4: 21-25

Friday 30th

Mark 4: 26-34

Saturday 31st

Mark 4: 35-end

Sunday 1st February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Mal. 3: 1-5; Heb. 2: 14-end; Luke 2.22-40

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 The Oval, Brickyard Cottages and Lee Farm.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Daintree; Adrian Kewell; Caroline Allcorn; Mike Solomons; Danielle Timm; Richard Goodsell; Emily; Gary Bond; Mabel Carson
- On their anniversary: 28th Andrew Stevens
- **RIP** - Barry Gent

Notices

Sunday 25th January – 5-7pm, St Richards, Maybridge, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 6HZ
As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026, everyone is invited to this service to pray together using songs and prayers from the Taizé community.
At the end of the evening there will be refreshments and some soup!

Our new Archdeacon **Tom Carpenter** will be conducting the 10am Sung Eucharist at Patching Church on **1st February**. All are welcome to the service.

Next Messy Church is Tuesday 3rd February, 3.30pm, Findon Village Hall.



Sat. 21st February - Film Afternoon in Findon Church, 2pm

TOY STORY! All families welcome. Snacks and drinks, donations welcomed

Sat. 18th April, 7.30pm

Return of the **Ron Green** Big Band Concert in Findon Church

Tickets £7.50 from Dom, Village Shop or Peckhams. £10 on door



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