

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent



- 8.00am Holy Communion at Clapham Church
9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church
190 Forty days and Forty nights;
622 Sweet sacrament divine;
368 Jesu, the very thought of thee;
221 God is working his purpose out

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
- Thursday: 1.00pm – Funeral of Gladys Van Crugten in Findon Church
- Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church
- Saturday: 10.30am – Wedding Preparation Morning in Findon Church

Sunday 16th March – The Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church
9.30am Eucharist in Findon Church
10.00am Eucharist in Clapham Church

Collect for the First Sunday of Lent



Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Other readings for today: Ps. 91: 1-2, 9-end (or 91: 1-11); Rom. 10: 8b-13

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 10th

Matt. 25: 31-end

Tuesday 11th

Isa. 55: 10-11; Ps. 34: 4-6, 21-22; Matt. 6: 7-15

Wednesday 12th

Luke 11: 29-32

Thursday 13th

Matt. 7: 7-12

Friday 14th

Matt. 5: 20-26

Saturday 15th

Matt. 5: 43-end

Sunday 16th – The Second Sunday of Lent

Gen. 15: 1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3.17 – 4.1; Luke 13: 31-end

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 Stable Lane, Clapham Common and France Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; John Childs; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; June Martin; Daintree; Margaret Cornford; Jane Wyatt; Richard; Adrian Kewell; Tony; Peter Vaughan; Gabriel; Caroline Allcorn
- RIP: Gladys Van Crugten (funeral 13th March, 1pm, Findon Church); Peter Goldsworthy (funeral 31st March, 12 noon, in Findon Church)
- On their anniversary – **11th** Daphne Courtney-Bennett

Electoral Roll Forms

These must be completed by 20th April. Please return paper copies to the Parish Office.

NOTICES

Clapham Churchyard Clear-up (& inside church clean)

Sat. 8th March 9.30-12.30. Any help most welcome. Contact Sian: 07957 719290

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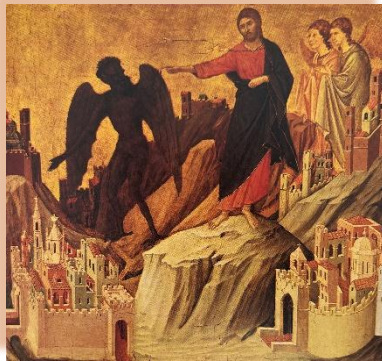
A big thank you to everyone who was able to come along and help; it really is very much appreciated.

## Chichester Diocese 2025 'Year of Faith'

For more information about events and celebrations forming part of this special year, go to the website: <https://celebratingfaith.co.uk/>

## Lent Course 2025

Our Parish Lent Groups this year will run at Findon Rectory on Thursdays at 3pm and Mondays at 6.45pm, following the Diocesan Lent Court. This can be downloaded using this link - <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/lent/>  
Courses start on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March / Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March.



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