

# Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

### **Christ the King**

### **Sunday next before Advent**



8.00am Traditional Communion at Findon Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

**54** At the Name of Jesus; **448** Meekness and Majesty;

**461** My Jesus, my Saviour; **572** Praise to the Holiest in the Height

10.00am Eucharist at Clapham Church

### Collect for Christ the King



God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

### Bible reading: Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

**Reflection** Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, marking the end of another Church year, as next Sunday is Advent Sunday. The gospel today highlights the difference between an earthly king and Jesus, King of heaven, who went willingly to the cross to die for us, so that we might have eternal life through him. Most kings would expect their subjects to be willing to die in their defence instead! Jesus is mocked by all around him, the soldiers gambling for his clothing as he hangs on the cross between two criminals, one of whom joins in with the taunting of Jesus. But the other recognises how Jesus is different, doesn't, like them, deserve his punishment and is rewarded by the promise of eternal life.

In his agony, Jesus prays for forgiveness for those who put him to death, recognising their ignorance of who he is, what they are doing. As he said to Pilate, his kingdom is not of this world. As Christians, we too are 'not of this world' although living in it. Our eyes should be fixed on Jesus our King as we follow his teaching, encouraged by his example of self-giving, his courage as his earthly life ended and confident of his victory over death.

*Other readings for today: Jer. 23: 1-6; Ps. 46; Col. 1: 11-20;*

\* The highlighted text indicates the chosen reading for our church services.

### **Post Communion prayer:**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Luke 21: 1-4*

#### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Rev. 14: 14-19; Ps. 96; Luke 21: 5-11*

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

10.30am – LambsTails in Findon Village Hall

7.45pm – 9.15pm – Bellringing Practice at Findon Church

#### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Luke 21: 12-19*

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Luke 21: 20-28*

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

*Luke 21: 29-33*

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

*Luke 21: 34-36*

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – Advent Sunday

*Isa. 2: 1-5; Ps. 122; Rom. 13: 11-end; Matt. 24: 36-44*

8.00am – Traditional Communion at Patching Church

9.30am – Eucharist at Findon Church

### 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 Pony Farm, Holt Farm and Michelgrove Lane.
- Friends and family of Maeve and Niamh being baptised at Findon today.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Colin and Stella Hastings; Anne De Campenhout; Jeanne Hastings; Jean Grieves; John Sayles.
- On their Anniversary – **20<sup>th</sup>** Tom Brooks; **21<sup>st</sup>** George Wareham; **23<sup>rd</sup>** Anthony Seare; **24<sup>th</sup>** Denis Lloyd; **24<sup>th</sup>** Lt. Cdr. John Hammond; **26<sup>th</sup>** Dorothy White
- **RIP:** Mary Carver; Tony Viner

Peter and Eunice Rogers thank you for your prayers and have now moved from Findon to be nearer their daughter in Horsham. We pray they will settle happily into their new home there.

### NOTICES

**AGM:** The Friends of Clapham and Patching Churches AGM is **TODAY**

2.30pm at Clapham and Patching Village Hall.

Tea and cakes available from 3pm at £4 plus Crafts for Charity stall.

Please feel free to drop in just for tea or to visit the crafts stall.

### LambsTails – Findon Village Hall

For babies, toddlers and their parents/carers **this Tuesday** at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall. For more information contact Sue Stone: [belgiumsue@hotmail.com](mailto:belgiumsue@hotmail.com)

Sadly, due to lack of support, there is no longer a monthly Lambstails session at Clapham and Patching Village Hall. *We will try again after Easter*

## Christmas Concert at Patching Church –

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec., 7.30pm

Christmas Music featuring 'Harvest Home'. Mulled wine and mince pies. No ticket event. Retiring collection.



## New Neighbours?

If you have a new neighbour, it would be lovely to welcome them to the village (Findon, Clapham or Patching) with one of our Welcome Leaflets. These are available in all our Churches so if you deliver one to a new neighbour, please let the Office know so a record can be kept to avoid duplication. Alternatively, let us know the address of the new neighbour and we will be happy to deliver a leaflet.

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A special thankyou to the flower arrangers for the beautiful Remembrance Service flower displays in Findon Church

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*Please use our donation code if you have a smart phone.*

*All money donated goes to the Parish for the upkeep of our Churches.*

### **Parish Giving Scheme "PGS"**

If you would like to join this tax beneficial scheme to make a regular gift to the Parish by direct debit, use <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/findon-clapham-patching-worthing/> (Parish code: 100610130). Alternatively, please contact our PGS administrator - Ian Hollyhomes t: 01903 872475, e: [ianhollyhomes52@gmail.com](mailto:ianhollyhomes52@gmail.com)

Other ways of supporting our Parish can be found under the Giving Page of our Website below.

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