

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 1st December 2024

Advent Sunday



- 8.00am Holy Communion at Findon Church
10.00am Worship & Praise at Findon Church with 'Cornerstone'
10.00am Eucharist at Patching Church
480 O come, o come Emmanuel; **128** Come thou long expected Jesus;
557 People look East; **405** Lo, he comes with clouds descending

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

- Tuesday: 10.00am – Holy Communion in Findon Church
3.30pm – Messy Church in Findon Village Hall
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church
- Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church
- Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church
- Saturday: 10am -12.30pm – Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair in Findon Village Hall

Sunday 8th December – Second Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Clapham Church
9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

Collect for Advent Sunday



Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Other readings for today: Ps. 25: 1-9; 1 Thess. 3: 9-end

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 2nd

Matt. 8: 5-11

Tuesday 3rd

Isa. 11: 1-10; Ps. 72: 1-4, 18-19; Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday 4th

Matt. 15: 29-37

Thursday 5th

Matt. 7: 21, 24-27

Friday 6th

Matt. 9: 27-31

Saturday 7th

Matt. 9.35 – 10.1, 6-8

Sunday 8th December – Second Sunday of Advent

Mal. 3: 1-4; Canticle: Benedictus; Phil. 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

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 Nepfield Close, Brickyard Cottages and Swillage Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; John Childs; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Dennis Chandler; Vince Mason; Don; June Martin; Daintree; Margaret Cornford; Jane Allcorn; Rachel; Gary; Jane Wyatt; Richard; Adrian Kewell; Al
- RIP – Molly Carpenter (funeral on Monday 2nd December, 11am in Patching Church)
- On their anniversary: **4th** – Joan Monks; **5th** Lorna Pannell; **6th** Katie Street; **7th** Dorothy Groves

NOTICES

Thank you to everyone who kindly delivered the Parish Christmas Cards – your help is very much appreciated.



PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 1st December, 5.30pm

**Christmas lights switch on in Findon
Mince pies, mulled wine, carols, and a visit from Santa!**

Saturday 7th December, 10am – 12.30pm

Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair in Findon Village Hall

Tuesday 10th December, 6.15pm

**Walking Nativity in Findon, starting at the Village Hall
Carols in the garden of the Gun Inn**

Monday 16th December, 6.15pm

'Carols round the coals' at Patching Church (starts at the Old Forge, to follow the donkey to the churchyard). Father Christmas is expected too!

Tuesday 17th December, 7pm

Carol singing with the Monarch's Way Singers in Findon, meeting outside the Post Office

Wednesday 18th December, 2.30pm

Carol singing with the residents of Clapham Lodge

Sunday 22nd December, 3pm

Family Carol Service with a Nativity tableau at Findon Church

Tuesday 24th December, 3pm

Christingle Service in Findon Church

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