

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 4th January 2026

Epiphany



8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church

10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church with Cornerstone

We'll walk the land (Graham Kendrick); Seekers and dreamers (Graham Kendrick); **724** We three kings; **525** One more step along the world I go

Helena and Chris would like to thank everyone for all their friendship and support over the last 13 years

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
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 11th January – Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion in Clapham Church

10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church

Collect for the Epiphany



Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Other readings for today: Eph. 3: 1-12

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 5th

Matt. 4: 12-17, 23-end

Tuesday 6th

1 John 4: 7-10; Ps. 72: 1-8; Mark 6: 34-44

Wednesday 7th

Mark 6: 45-52

Thursday 8th

Luke 4: 14-22

Friday 9th

Luke 5: 12-16

Saturday 10th

John 3: 22-30

Sunday 11th – Baptism of Christ

Isa. 42: 1-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Matt. 3: 13-17

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 Northend, Holt Farm and Coldharbour Lane.
- 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

Upcoming Events for 2026

Sat. 17th January - Games Afternoon in Findon Church, 2-4pm

Music & instruments, pool, face painting, skittles and bell ringing for youngsters. Drinks and snacks available. Donations welcomed.

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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