

# Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



8.00am Holy Communion at Findon Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

**367** Jesus, where'er thy people meet; **156** Faithful shepherd, feed me;

**649** The King of love my shepherd is; **429** Love is his word

10.00am Eucharist at Clapham Church

**We welcome Rev'd. Zachary Allen to our Eucharist at Findon today**

**Banns 2**

**Frazer Oliphant-Hope and Charlie Prescott**

## CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

7.45pm – Bell ringing practice at Findon

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April – The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion at Patching Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

## Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter



Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### First Reading: Acts 4: 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

### Gospel Reading: John 10: 11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

*Other readings for today: Gen. 7: 1-5, 11-18; 8: 6-18; 9: 8-13; Ps. 23; 1 John 3: 16-end*

### Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

*John 10: 1-10 (or 11-18)*

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – George, Patron of England

*1 Macc. 2: 59-64 or Rev. 12: 7-12; Ps. 126; 2 Tim. 2: 3-13; John 15: 18-21*

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

*John 12: 44-end*

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Mark the Evangelist

*Mark 13: 5-13*

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

*John 14: 1-6*

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

*John 14: 7-14*

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Acts 8: 26-end; Baruch 3.9-15, 32-4.4 or Gen. 22: 1-18; Ps. 22: 25-end;*

*1 John 4: 7-end; **John 15: 1-8***

## 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 Beech Close, Rectory Lane and Arundel Road.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; John Childs; Fred Ford; Tina; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Dennis Chandler; Caroline Allcorn; Vince Mason; Mary; Don; Barbara Harbut; Tony
- On their anniversary: **21<sup>st</sup>** John Sayles; **25<sup>th</sup>** Julie Brooks

## Easter Lilies



Thank you to those who contributed to the cost of the lilies in memory of loved ones.

Our churches looked splendid this Easter.

Graham Kendrick concert in Findon Church on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Last few tickets left now! Contact Graham Langford on [ewes16.gl@gmail.com](mailto:ewes16.gl@gmail.com)

## NOTICES

### Bluebell Walk – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Starting at Clapham Church at 2pm and walking around private areas of Clapham Woods, courtesy of Mr Clem Somerset. Followed by tea at the church.



### Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

This will be held at 10.45am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May in Findon Church. All welcome. Could people responsible for submitting reports for the APCM please send these to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The deadline is Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> April to allow time for the final APCM report to be completed. Thank you very much.

### Newly Appointed Family Worker



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dominic Timm as our Families Worker, from 1<sup>st</sup> May!

Dominic is married with 3 sons and has been a member of the Parochial Church Council here for a year now. He loves music, and plays drums in our Music Group, Cornerstone.

He is looking forward to working with us all, especially our younger families, and sharing his faith through his love of music, drama and creative art!

### Save the day – Findon Church Open Morning!

**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> June - 10:00 till 12:00**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone.

- Have a try at bellringing
- Guided tour of St John's Church history
- Activities for children and teenagers
- Tea / Coffee / Snacks available



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