

# Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

### Ascension Day

*(Transferred from Thursday)*



- 8.00am Holy Communion at Findon Church  
9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church  
**104** Christ triumphant, ever reigning;  
**580** Rejoice the Lord is King!  
**37** Angel-voices ever singing  
**551** O worship the King  
10.00am Eucharist at Clapham Church

We welcome Revd. Ben Flenley to our 9.30am Service at Findon today

**Banns 2**

**Neil Voce and Hanieh Motamedian  
John Manley and Charlotte Butter**

### Collect for Ascension Day



Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

### First reading: Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

### Gospel reading: Luke 24: 44-end

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Other readings for today: *Ps. 47* or *Ps. 93*; *Eph. 1: 15-end*

### Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### DIARY AND READINGS:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

*John 16: 29-end*

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Acts 20: 17-27; Ps. 68: 9-10, 18-19; John 17: 1-11*

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

2.00-3.00pm – Tea and Biscuits in Clapham & Patching Village Hall. All welcome!

7.45 – 9.15pm – Bellringing Practice at Findon Church

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

*John 17: 11-19*

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

*John 17: 20-end*

11.00am – Funeral of John Sayles in Findon Church

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

*John 21: 15-19*

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

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

*John 21: 20-end*

5.00pm – Wedding Rehearsal in Findon Church

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

*Acts 2: 1-21 or Num. 11: 24-30; Ps. 104: 26-36, 37b (or 104: 26-end);*

*1 Cor. 12: 3b-13 or Acts 2: 1-21; John 20: 19-23 or John 7: 37-39*

8.00am – Holy Communion at Patching Church

9.30am – Eucharist at Findon Church, followed by APCM

1.00pm – Findon Wedding

5.00pm – Wedding Rehearsal 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 Downview Road, Castle Goring and Patching Street.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Anne De Campenhout; Jean Grieves; Jeanne Hastings; Ruth Simpson; Jennifer Jones; Naomi; Sam; Cliff Dormand; John Childs.
- **RIP:** John Sayles (funeral 25<sup>th</sup> May, 11.00am at Findon Church);

### NOTICES

#### **Thank you!**

Bernard & Pat Potter would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everybody who made a donation to their Worthing Pier to Brighton Pier walk on Sunday 14th May.

They achieved a grand total of £1,680 for Young Lives vs Cancer.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Please note change of date.**

This will be held in **Findon Church**, after the 9.30am service. All welcome.

## **The Treasurer Role**

We are still looking for two people to take on the finance role in the Church. Please contact Michael Drakeford (01903 872197) for more information. Please hold this in your prayers as Michael is currently doing the Treasurer and Churchwarden role.



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