

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 2nd February 2025

*The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas)*



- 8.00am Holy Communion at Findon Church
10.00am Eucharist at Patching Church
379 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us;
574 Purify my heart;
609 Songs of thankfulness and praise;
572 Praise to the holiest in the height
10.00am Worship & Praise at Findon Church with Cornerstone & Richard Fitt
(and baptism of Remy Schooley)

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

- Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
3.30pm – Messy Church in Findon Village Hall
7.30pm – Deanery Celebration Service (Broadwater)
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church
- Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church
- Thursday: 11.00am – Pauline Prior’s funeral in Patching Church
- Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Sunday 9th February – The Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

Collect for Candlemas



Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen.**

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.'

Other readings for today: Ps. 24 (or 24: 7-end); Heb. 2: 14-end

BAPTISM Response to faith questions:

I believe and trust in him x3

This is the faith of the Church

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 3rd

Mark 5: 1-20

Tuesday 4th

Heb. 12: 1-4; Ps. 22: 25b-end; Mark 5: 21-43

Wednesday 5th

Mark 6: 1-6a

Thursday 6th

Mark 6: 7-13

Friday 7th

Mark 6: 14-29

Saturday 8th

Mark 6: 30-34

Sunday 9th – The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Isa. 6: 1-8 [9-end]; Ps. 138; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

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 Rogers Lane, Woodland Close and Patching Street.
- Friends and family of Remy being baptised in Findon Church today.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; John Childs; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; June Martin; Daintree; Margaret Cornford; Jane Allcorn; Jane Wyatt; Richard; Adrian Kewell; Al; Tony; Ross Reebeck; Peter Vaughan

- **RIP:** Pauline Prior (Funeral in Patching Church at 11am Thursday 6th February, followed by Crematorium); Enid Stevens
- On their anniversary – 3rd Dilys Allcorn; 4th Phyllis Haskey; 4th David Bennett; 5th Irene Curtis; 8th Bernard Carpenter

NOTICES

Electoral Roll Forms

Online copies will be sent out by email if you are on the list. If not, paper copies are available at the back of the Church. Please return paper copies to the Parish Office by 20th April.

The Scottish Episcopal Church – Ramsay Hall Discussion Group

Monday 3rd February, 10am – Ramsay Hall, 9-13 Byron Road, BN11 3HN

All welcome. Further details – dmumford@phonecoop.coop 01903 954319

Chichester Diocese 2025 'Year of Faith'

Deanery Celebration Service – Tuesday 4th February, 7.30pm

With Bishop Ruth Bushyager, at St Mary's Church, Broadwater **ALL WELCOME!**

For more information about events and celebrations forming part of this special year, go to the website: <https://celebratingfaith.co.uk/>

Games Afternoon at Findon Church - Tuesday 18th Feb

Please email Dom for further details – fcpfamiliesworker@gmail.com

See poster at back of Church for other upcoming events!

Quiz Night - Saturday 22nd February, Findon Village Hall, 6.30 for 7pm

Teams of 6 or 7 people - £17 per head to include fish & chip supper. Licensed bar.

Tickets available from Peckhams. Fund raising raffle for Friends of Findon Church.



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