



Christmas Greetings

Greetings from your Parish Church, and blessings for the Christmas season

It might seem incongruous to wish you peace and joy at a time when our world is in so much turmoil. But Jesus was born at a time such as this, when his nation was divided, under occupation by the brutal superpower of the day. Moreover, Jesus came in poverty and powerlessness, born in a stable to a young inexperienced mother, far from home. So, our Saviour shared our challenges and our concerns and he promised to always be with us, at our side. It is with joy then that we celebrate our Lord's birth, marvelling how God chose to humbly share our humanity.

In this card you will find the church services that will take place over the Christmas period as well as other events that you might be interested in. As always you are very welcome to join us and no booking or Covid tests are required except where indicated. Please also remember anyone who is lonely or housebound and let the Parish Office know if someone would like a visit, or needs a lift to an event. May God bless you and your family this Christmas.

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Church Services for Advent & Christmas

Date	Findon St John the Baptist	Clapham St Mary the Virgin	Patching St John the Divine
Sunday 4th Advent 2	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Worship & Praise		10am Eucharist
Sunday 11th Advent 3	9.30am Eucharist	8am BCP Holy Communion	
Sunday 18 th Advent 4	8am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Eucharist 4pm Carol Service	10am Eucharist	
Saturday 24 th Christmas Eve	3pm Crib/Christingle Family Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass		
Sunday 25 th Christmas Day	9.30am Eucharist	10am Eucharist	
Sunday 1 st Jan	8am BCP Holy Communion		10am Eucharist

Findon, Clapham and Patching Villages Christmas Celebrations

Sat 3 rd Dec	10am – 1pm	Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair, Findon Church
Sun 4 th Dec	5.30pm	Findon Christmas lights are switched on, inc a raffle
Fri 9 th Dec	7.30pm	Christmas Concert with ‘Harvest Home’, at Patching Church
Thurs 15 th Dec	6.15pm	Walking Nativity in Findon Village, with carols in the garden of the Gun Inn.
Sat 17 th Dec	4-6pm	‘A Family Christmas’ at Findon Village Hall
Mon 19 th Dec	6.15pm	Carols round the coals at Patching Church, (starting at the Old Forge, arriving in the churchyard at 6.30pm)
Mon 19 th Dec	6pm	Carol singing around Findon Village by the Monarch’s Way singers. It starts at the Willows.
Wed 21 st Dec	6pm	Carols around the coals at Clapham (Clapham Lodge at 6pm (negative Covid test required), 6.30pm at the church)