

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 23rd January 2022

The Third Sunday after Epiphany



8.00am Traditional Communion at Patching Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

265 Hark, the Glad Sound!; **67** Be still, for the Presence of the Lord;

580 Rejoice, the Lord is King; **485** O for a thousand Tongues to Sing

8.00pm Compline Zoom Service

Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany



God of all mercy your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Bible reading: Luke 4: 14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Reflection on the Reading:

In this Epiphany season we have been thinking about some of the early events in Jesus' earthly life and ministry that reveal something of his identity and character. One such event was his anointing with the Holy Spirit at his baptism and an affirmation from the Father that he is his beloved Son. After spending time in the wilderness contemplating the path of his mission, Jesus returns to Galilee, full of the Holy Spirit. Everywhere he goes he is highly acclaimed until he gets to his home town of Nazareth. When he goes to the synagogue on the sabbath he is treated as an honoured guest and invited to read a passage of scripture and comment on it. Jesus selected a passage from Isaiah 61 with a verse from Isaiah 58. This is a prophesy that looks forward to a time when God would act and the messiah would come. Jesus then sat down, for rabbis sat to teach. We are told that every eye was fixed on him. One could imagine a hushed expectancy, wondering what he was going to say. He tells them that this prophesy is fulfilled in their hearing that very day. In doing so, he reveals he is the messiah, God's anointed one. Isaiah's prophecy is the blueprint for his mission and ministry in a nutshell. If we read further we find that the townsfolk violently reject Jesus, for despite his graceful speech, all they see is a poor carpenter's son.

This passage raises the question as to how prepared are we to see God at work in unexpected people and unexpected places? This is the week of prayer for Christian Unity, and we lament our divisions, though we believe in and worship the same Lord. How often do we fail to see Christ in our brother and sister?

Other readings for today: *Neh. 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 12: 12-31a*

* The highlighted text indicates the chosen reading for our church services.

Post Communion prayer:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 24th

Mark 3: 22-30

Tuesday 25th

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

1.00pm – Light Lunch @ 1 – Findon Village Hall

7.45 – 9.15pm - Bellringing Practice at Findon Church

Acts 9: 1-22; Ps. 67; Matt. 19: 27-end

Wednesday 26th

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Mark 4: 1-20

Thursday 27th

Mark 4: 21-25

Friday 28th

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

2.30pm – Funeral of Mary Short in Findon Church

Mark 4: 26-34

Saturday 29th

Mark 4: 35-end

Sunday 30th – the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am – Traditional Communion at Findon Church

9.30am – Eucharist at Findon Church

8.00pm – Compline Zoom Service

Ezek. 43.27 – 44.4; Ps 48; 1 Cor. ch. 13; Luke 2: 22-40

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 Tudor Close, Woodland Close and Myrtle Grove Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Dilys Allcorn; Julie Brooks; Teresa Street; Emilia; Sue Fisher; Colin and Stella Hastings; Anne De Campenhout; Phyl Wall; Vicky; Jeanne Hastings; Chris Drakeford; Kath Bullen; David Burt (Priest); Peter Rogers; Roy Hogan
- On their anniversary: **24th** John Spiers; **26th** Anthony Crowther
- **RIP:** Norman Franklin; Mary Short

NOTICES

Light Lunch @ 1pm – the next lunch will be on Tues 25th January in Findon Village Hall. Everyone welcome. £5.



Messy Church starts again on Tuesday 1 February.

Meeting in Findon Village Hall from 3.30pm. For more information contact Hilary Langford – fishponds2@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 20 February, 10.30am at Findon Valley Free Church, Lime Tree Avenue

Canon J John will be at FVFC as a special guest speaker and his theme is “Plus One Sunday”. You will need to book as spaces are limited, but the service will be streamed live and will be on the FVFC YouTube channel if you are unable to attend. You can book at www.trybooking.co.uk/BKRF or www.fvfc.org.uk/book

Lambstails – this will start up again after Easter. Parent and Toddler Group for babies, toddlers and their parents/carers. Tuesday mornings at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall, every third Tuesday at 11.00am in Findon Church. For more information contact Sue Stone - belgiumsue@hotmail.com



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