

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter



8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church

9.30am Eucharist in Findon Church

408 Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour (omit v3);

386 Let there be love shared among us; **35** A new commandment;

572 Praise to the Holiest in the height

10.00am Eucharist in Clapham Church

Banns 2

Thomas Webster and Olivia Steventon

David Stead and Natasha Davies

James Dickinson and Katie Bedwin

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church
2.00pm – Wedding Rehearsal in Findon Church

Saturday: 1.00pm - Wedding of William Hutton & Georgina Smith in Findon Church

Sunday 25th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church

9.30am Eucharist in Findon Church, followed by APCM

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter



Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

Gospel Reading: John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’”

Other readings for today: Ps. 148 (or 148: 1-6); Rev. 21: 1-6

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 19th

John 14: 21-26

Tuesday 20th

Acts 14: 19-end; Ps. 145: 10-end; John 14: 27-end

Wednesday 21st

John 15: 1-8

Thursday 22nd

John 15: 9-11

Friday 23rd

John 15: 12-17

Saturday 24th

John 15: 18-21

Sunday 25th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16: 9-15; Ps. 67; Rev. 21.10, 22 – 22.5 Or John 5: 1-9

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 Road, Clapham Common and Coldharbour Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Daintree; Jane Wyatt; Richard; Adrian Kewell; Caroline Allcorn; John Taylor; Brenda
- On their anniversary: **19th** Francis Bacon; **20th** Madge Eastabrook; **20th** Audrey Gibson-Poole; **24th** Denis Stanford
- **RIP:** Peter Vaughan

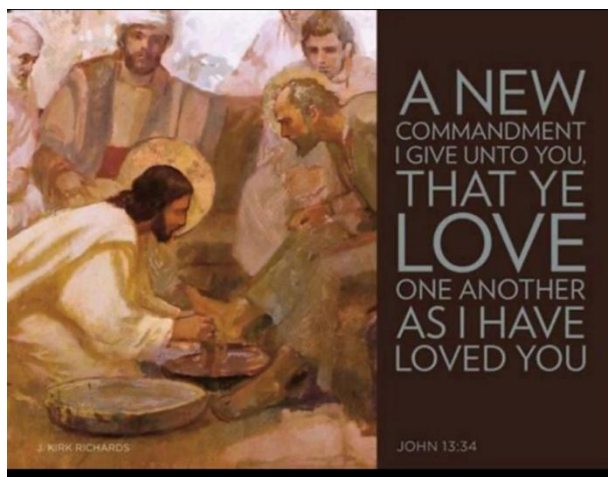
NOTICES

Sussex Folk Group 'Cotillion' Concert – Findon Church, Sat. 26th July, 7.00pm

"The Last Trip Home" – a celebration of the working horse and ox in song and verse. This will be the second fundraising concert Cotillion have done for us. The last one was very enjoyable; so please do come along and support this if you can. Tickets, available from Peckhams, are £7.50, but no charge for under 16's.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM will be held at 10.45am on Sun. 25th May in Findon Church. All welcome. Applications for Church Wardens/PCC members very welcome. Please see Helena.



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