Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 15th November 2026

Safeguarding Sunday

(Second Sunday before Advent)



8.00am	*No Holy Communion in Findon Church*
10.00am	Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)
	314: Immortal, invisible; **684:** Thou whose almighty word; **428:** Love divine all loves excelling (omit v3&4); **695:** To God be the glory!
10.00am	Eucharist in Clapham Church (Rev. Felix Smith)
3.00pm	Friends of St John the Baptist Church AGM followed by refreshments

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday:	10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
	2.00pm – Tea @2 – Clapham &Patching Village Hall. £1
	7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church
Wednesday:	9.00am – *No Morning Prayer in Findon Church*
Friday:	9.00am – *No Morning Prayer in Findon Church*
Saturday:	6.30pm – FoSJBF Quiz Night in Findon Village Hall
	7.15pm – FoCPC Quiz Night in Clapham & Patching Village Hall
	Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent)
8.00am	Holy Communion in Patching Church
10.00am	Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. David Mumford)

Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so, I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on

my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Other readings for this week: Ps. 90: 1-8, 12; 1 Thess. 5: 1-11

Post Communion Prayer for the Second Sunday before Advent

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 16th
Luke 18: 35-end

Tuesday 17th
Rev. 3: 1-6, 14-31; Ps. 15; Luke 19: 1-10

Wednesday 18th
Luke 19: 11-28

Thursday 19th
Luke 19: 41-44

Friday 20th
Luke 19: 45-end

Saturday 21st
Luke 20: 27-40

Sunday 22nd – Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent)
Ezek. 34: 11-16, 20-24*; Ps. 95: 1-7; Eph. 1: 15-end;* ***Matt. 25: 31-end***

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 Horseshoe Close, Brickyard Cottages and Arundel Road.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Lucia; Adrian Kewell; Caroline Allcorn; Mike Solomons; Danielle Timm; Richard Goodsell; Emily; Gary Bond; Hilary Langford; Karen Kennard; Michael Drakeford; Robert
- RIP - Jeanne Hastings (Funeral at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday 26th November at 1.30pm)

QUIZ NIGHTS! - Saturday 21st November

Friends of St John the Baptist Church, 6.30 for 7pm, Findon Village Hall

£17 a ticket to include a fish and chip supper. Tickets on sale at Peckham's Butchers and after services at church. Licensed Bar. Fund raising raffle for Friends of Findon Church.

Friends of Clapham & Patching Churches, 7.15pm, C&P Village Hall

£15 a ticket to include a ploughman's supper and ices, tea & coffee. Bring your own tipple & glass. To reserve a place contact Kath – 01903 871147 hutchinson997@btinternet.com

New representatives for the PCC needed!

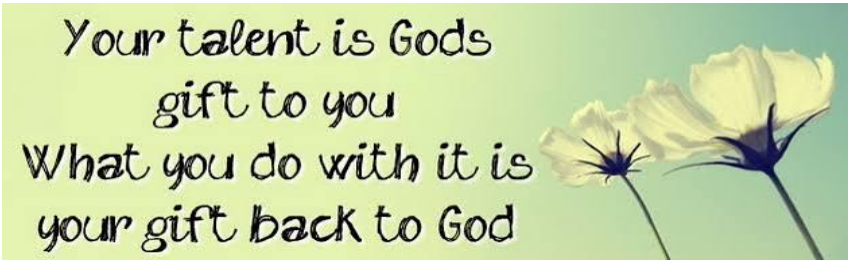
The existing members would like to recruit new representatives from Findon, Clapham and Patching to the PCC. If this is something you would be interested in, please speak to one of the churchwardens – Simon, Maggie or Kath, or contact the Office.

Volunteers to help in Findon Church

We are desperately looking for some more help in Findon Church. Please speak to Simon who can give you more details. Any help would be really appreciated; thank you 😊

Parish Christmas Cards

These are at the back of the Church ready for delivery. Please help if you can.



Please use our donation code if you have a smart phone.
All money donated goes to the Parish for the upkeep of our Churches.

Parish Giving Scheme "PGS"

If you would like to join this tax beneficial scheme to make a regular gift to the Parish by direct debit, use https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/findon-clapham-patching-worthing/ Parish code: 100610130). Alternatively, contact PGS Administrator - Ian Hollyhomes, t: 01903 872475, e: ianhollyhomes52@gmail.com

Other ways of supporting our Parish can be found under the Giving Page of our Website below.

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