

Well, here we are heading towards midsummer, albeit at the end of this month; where do the weeks fly to? As our children and young people return to school from their half term break for the final weeks of this academic year, we have Findon Revels to look forward to on June 8th. If you haven't been before, do walk over to Pond Green to enjoy the procession and traditional country dancing by the pupils of our Village School, then follow them back to the school for Maypole dancing and stalls! It is a joy that this village tradition continues here in Findon – thank you to the dedicated staff who work with all the children as they learn their steps.

My role in the Parish is nothing if not varied! Towards the end of May, sadly Patching, one of the Clapham and Patching School guineapigs, died and I was asked to say a few words as she was laid to rest in the garden outside the school building. It was a beautiful sunny day and as her spirit is set free, her remains will feed the flowers and shrubs, as the cycle of life continues. It is so good for children to be able to experience death through a pet, helping to normalise this as a natural part of every life cycle. We are so fortunate to have two wonderful Primary Schools in our Parish!

We are so looking forward to hosting Graham Kendrick in Findon Church on June 15th. The tickets are now all sold, but it is worth asking in the week before, in case anyone is unable to attend at the last minute. He will be singing lots of well known songs, which we will be able to join in with, plus some newer songs we can enjoy listening to.

On Saturday 22nd June we have an open morning at Findon Church, with the opportunity to learn more about bellringing and even have a try yourself. Thanks to the Ringers for organising this. There will be refreshments available and also activities for families with children so I look forward to seeing you there then (more information on another page!)

Hopefully, the sunny weather we have today will continue for the half term break, especially as the Diocesan Youth Camp takes place at Plumpton over the last May Bank Holiday weekend. Dom and I will be visiting on Saturday and next year we hope to take a Youth Group to this event. Chris and I took young people there for a number of years before Covid, and Dom is looking forward to building up our work with young people again. Look on the Diocesan Website ([Family Camp - Diocese of Chichester \(anglican.org\)](http://Family Camp - Diocese of Chichester (anglican.org))) for details of this year's camp, where you will also find information about a new Families Camp, to be held at Stedham (near Midhurst) 7-9 June!

Every blessing,

Helena