

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 17th May 2026

Ascension Day

(Transferred from Thursday)



8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church

10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church

104 Christ triumphant, ever reigning; **580** Rejoice the Lord is King!
37 Angel-voices ever singing; **551** O worship the king (omit vv 3&4)

10.00am Eucharist in Clapham Church (Fr. Felix Smith)

11.00am Rounders and picnic at Wild Heart Hill

Banns 2

Esme MacBean and Flynn Goward

A Message from Evelyn:

"I would like to say thank you for the voucher and lovely flowers that I received on my retirement as Sacristan/Verger. I have enjoyed carrying out the duties involved but felt the time had come for me to step away, so thank you and I will see you all soon".

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 – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Sunday 24th May – Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church (Revd. Roger Walker)

10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Revd. Zachary Allen)



Collect for Ascension Day

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 44-end

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'" Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 18th

John 15: 26-16.4

Tuesday 19th

Acts 16: 22-34; Ps. 138; John 16: 5-11

Wednesday 20th

John 16: 12-15

Thursday 21st

Luke 24: 44-end

Friday 22nd

John 15: 9-17

Saturday 23rd

John 16: 23-28

Sunday 24th – Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Acts 2: 1-21 or *Num. 11: 24-30; Ps. 104: 26-36, 37b (or 104: 26-end); 1 Cor. 12: 3b-13* or *Acts 2: 1-21; **John 20: 19-23*** or *John 7: 37-39*

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 Westview Terrace, Clapham Lodge and Patching Street.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Daintree; Adrian Kewell; Caroline Allcorn; Mike Solomons; Danielle Timm; Richard Goodsell; Emily; Gary Bond; Hilary Langford; Karen
- RIP – Susan Campbell

NOTICES

Diocese May Camp – weekend of 23rd / 24th May 2026

We are looking to send one or two people to the Diocese May Camp.

Would anybody in the congregation be able to support this trip which requires a funding of £75.00 each person? If this is something you feel able to support, please contact Graham Langford in confidence, at ewes16.gl@gmail.com

Friends of Findon Church Vintage Car Rally – Bank Holiday Monday 25th May

Findon Place, 10am – 3pm. Admission free, donations welcome.

Rally of classic and vintage cars and motorcycles. BBQ and refreshments.

Have your say in the appointment of the next Bishop of Chichester

Take part in the online consultation. It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is **open until May 26th**. We welcome responses from individuals of all ages, parishes and schools. This link [here](#) takes you straight to the survey. A print version of the survey is available [here](#)

Sat. 13 June, 7.30-9.30pm, St Richard's Church, Maybridge

A fundraising concert of warm and uplifting music performed by **Gruff's Male Voice Choir**. Tickets £10. Book online – www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/gruffs-concert-at-st-richards-church-maybridge

Charity '3 Peaks' walk for Turning Tides - Claire and Hannah Kersley

On 20th June we will be walking 15 miles over the South Downs for Turning Tides, the local homeless charity that our parish supports. If you would like to donate to 'Team Kersley' we would be so grateful. The link to donate and for more information is: <https://turningtides.enthuse.com/pf/team-kersley/post/24786097>
If you would prefer to give cash or have trouble with the link I can do this for you. My number is 07944414067 or email me: claire.kersley@gmail.com
Many thanks, Claire and Hannah Kersley



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Parish Giving Scheme "PGS"

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Mon: 8am – 11am, Fri: 7.30am – 3.30pm