

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

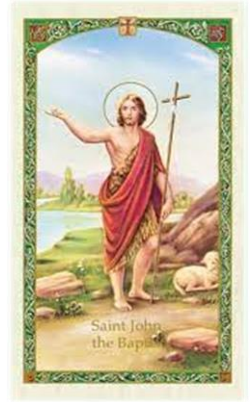
Walking together in the Way of Christ and sharing His love with others

Sunday 23rd June 2024

Patronal Festival at Findon

The Feast of St John the Baptist

8.00am Holy Communion at Patching Church
9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church
On Jordan's bank (527); Be still and know (66)
Immortal, Invisible, God only wise (314);
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven! (565)



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**Jack Davies and Lorna Young
Oliver Setchell and Amy Jenking**

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church
1.00pm – Light Lunch @1pm in Findon Village Hall
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice at Findon

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church
2.15pm-3.00pm – Danehill Bellringers at Findon Church

Thursday: 1.30pm – Funeral of Mary Best at Patching Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Sunday 30th June – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion at Findon Church
10.00am Parish Eucharist at Clapham Church

Collect for the Feast of St John the Baptist



Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

“Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak kindly to Jerusalem and tell her that her time of warfare is over, that her punishment is completed. For the Lord has made her pay double for all her sins.” A voice cries out, “In the wilderness clear a way for the Lord; build a level road through the rift valley for our God. Every valley must be elevated, and every mountain and hill levelled. The rough terrain will become a level plain, the rugged landscape a wide valley. The splendour of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it at the same time. For the Lord has decreed it.” A voice says, “Cry out!” Another asks, “What should I cry out?” The first voice responds: “All people are like grass, and all their promises are like the flowers in the field. The grass dries up, the flowers wither, when the wind sent by the Lord blows on them. Surely humanity is like grass. The grass dries up, the flowers wither, but the decree of our God is forever reliable.” Go up on a high mountain, O herald Zion. Shout out loudly, O herald Jerusalem! Shout, don’t be afraid! Say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!” Look, the Sovereign Lord comes as a victorious warrior; his military power establishes his rule. Look, his reward is with him; his prize goes before him. Like a shepherd he tends his flock; he gathers up the lambs with his arm; he carries them close to his heart; he leads the ewes along.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 57-66, 80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to have her baby, and she gave birth to a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they wanted to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother replied, “No! He must be named John.” They said to her, “But none of your relatives bears this name.” So they made signs to the baby’s father, inquiring what he wanted to name his son. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they were all amazed. Immediately Zechariah’s mouth was opened and his tongue released, and he spoke, blessing God. All their neighbours were filled with fear, and throughout the entire hill country of Judea all these things were talked about. All who heard these things kept them in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the Lord’s hand was

indeed with him. And the child kept growing and becoming strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he was revealed to Israel.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 24th – the Birth of St John the Baptist

Ps. 50; 149; Eccus. 48: 1-10 or Mal. 3: 1-6; Luke 3: 1-17

Tuesday 25th

2 Kings 19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-36; Ps. 48: 1-2, 8-end; Matt. 7: 6, 12-14

Wednesday 26th

Matt. 7: 15-20

Thursday 27th

Matt. 7: 21-end

Friday 28th

Matt. 8: 1-4

Saturday 29th – Peter and Paul, Apostles

Matt. 16: 13-19

Sunday 30th – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Acts 12:1-12; Matt. 16:13-19

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 Downs Edge Place, Holt Farm and Selden Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; John Childs; Fred Ford; Tina; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Dennis Chandler; Caroline Allcorn; Vince Mason; Don; Tony; Barbara Stibbs; June Martin; Daintree
Our prayers are also with Barbara Harbut's family and friends.
- **RIP** – Lady Mary Best (funeral at Patching Church, 27th June, 1.30pm, then 3pm at Castle Goring);
Barbara Harbut (Funeral on 2nd July, 2pm, at Worthing Crematorium);
- **On their anniversary:** 27th Pauline Mayes; 29th Vera Scadgell

NOTICES

The Fifth Sunday Service for June is our Parish Eucharist at Clapham Church on 30th June at 10am. All very welcome.

Family Fun Day at Findon Village Hall – Sat. 29th June, 12noon – 4pm
Live Music, BBQ, Ice Creams, Licensed Bar, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting.
All activities are free



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