

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



8.00am Holy Communion at Patching Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

756 Ye servants of God; **332** I, the Lord of sea and sky;

674 This is my body, broken for you;

408 Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour

2.00pm Bluebell Walk at Clapham Church

Banns 3

Frazer Oliphant-Hope and Charlie Prescott

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church
1.00pm – Light Lunch @ 1pm, Findon Village Hall. £6.
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice at Findon

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Sunday 5th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion at Findon Church

10.00am Worship & Praise at Findon Church with Monarch's Way Singers

10.00am Eucharist at Patching Church

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 8: 26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel Reading: John 15: 1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Other readings for today: Baruch 3.9-15, 32-4.4 or Gen. 22: 1-18; Ps. 22: 25-end; 1 John 4: 7-end

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 29th

John 14: 21-26

Tuesday 30th

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

Wednesday 1st May – Philip and James, Apostles

John 14: 1-14

Thursday 2nd May

John 15: 9-11

Friday 3rd May

John 15: 12-17

Saturday 4th May

John 15: 18-21

Sunday 5th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 44-end; Isa. 55: 1-11; Ps. 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17

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, Woodland Close and Coldharbour 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; Mary; Don; Barbara Harbut; Tony
- On their anniversary: **30th** Jim Bartlett; **30th** Godfrey Stanford

Easter Lilies

Thank you to those who contributed to the cost of the lilies in memory of loved ones.

Findon church looked splendid this Easter.



NOTICES

Newly Appointed Family Worker for our Parish!



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dominic Timm as our Families Worker, from 1st May!

Dominic is married with 3 sons and has been a member of the Parochial Church Council here for a year now. He loves music, and plays drums in our Music Group, Cornerstone.

He is looking forward to working with us all, especially our younger families, and sharing his faith through his love of music, drama and creative art!

Vintage Car Rally at Findon Place – Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 3pm

A great day out, lots of interesting cars and motorcycles, BBQ and tea tent.

Admission free; donations much appreciated. **Raffle Prizes:** If you would like to donate a raffle prize for this fundraising event, please leave them in the box at the back of the church, in the parcel box at 38, Nephote Lane or in the Rectory porch. Thankyou.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

This will be held at 10.45am on Sunday 12th May in Findon Church. All welcome.

Graham Kendrick concert in Findon Church on 15th June 2024.

Last few tickets left now! Contact Graham Langford on ewes16.gl@gmail.com

Save the day – Findon Church Open Morning! Sat. 22nd June - 10:00 till 12:00

We extend a warm welcome to everyone.

- Have a try at bellringing
- Guided tour of St John's Church history
- Activities for children and teenagers
- Tea / Coffee / Snacks available



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