

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 10th May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Clapham Church
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church followed by the APCM
361 Jesus, stand among us; **35** A new commandment I give unto you;
114 Come down O love divine; **511** O Lord my God

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Esme MacBean and Flynn Goward

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
4.00pm – Wedding rehearsal in Findon Church
- Saturday: 1.30pm – Wedding of Joe Maton and Joy Talbot in Findon Church
- Sunday 17th May – Ascension Day (transferred from Thurs. 14th)**
- 8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church, followed by rounders and picnic at Wild Heart Hill
10.00am Eucharist in Clapham Church (Fr. Felix Smith)



Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Gospel Reading: John 14: 15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Other readings for today: Gen. 8.20–9.17; Ps. 66: 7-end; 1 Pet. 3: 13-end

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 11th

John 15: 26-16.4

Tuesday 12th

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

Wednesday 13th

John 16: 12-15

Thursday 14th -

Luke 24: 44-end

Friday 15th

John 15: 9-17

Saturday 16th

John 16: 23-28

Sunday 17th – Ascension Day (transferred from Thursday)

Acts 1: 1-11; Luke 24: 44-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 Tudor Close, Clapham Common and Myrtle Grove Lane.
- 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

Choral Evensong for Rogation Sunday at Chichester Cathedral

Sunday 10th May, 3pm, followed by a reception to celebrate the Eco Church Awards. Refreshments provided.

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

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

The Ministry of Welcome - it's more than just handing out hymn books!

Saturday 4th July 10am-4pm - free workshop. Church House, Hove BN3 4ED.

Led by Hazel Pudney, Warden for Lay Ministry ALM.

For more information and to book: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXZN>



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Mon: 8am – 11am, Fri: 7.30am – 3.30pm