

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

8.00am Traditional Communion at Patching Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

375 King of Glory, King of Peace;

609 Songs of Thankfulness;

540 O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst Pray;

485 O for a Thousand Tongues (omit v5)



Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany



God of all mercy your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 4: 12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Other readings for today: *Isa. 9: 1-4; Ps. 27: 1, 4-12 (or 27: 1-11)*

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

DIARY AND READINGS:

Monday 23rd

Mark 3: 22-30

2.00 – 4.30pm - Winter Warmer in Findon Village Hall with entertainment at 2pm

Tuesday 24th

Heb. 10: 1-10; Ps. 40: 1-4, 7-10; Mark 3: 31-end

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

10.30am – LambsTails in Findon Village Hall

7.45pm-9.15pm – Bellringing Practice at Findon Church

Wednesday 25th

Matt. 19: 27-end

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Thursday 26th

Mark 4: 21-25

Friday 27th

Mark 4: 26-34

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Saturday 28th

Mark 4: 35-end

10.00 – 12.30pm – Bells at Findon in use by the Divisional Committee

Sunday 29th – The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

Malachi 3: 1-5; Heb. 2: 14-end; Ps. 24; Luke 2: 22-40

8.00am – Traditional Communion at Findon Church

10.00am – Eucharist at Clapham Church (Bishop Ruth presiding)

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 Steep Close, Clapham Lodge and Hillside.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Anne De Campenhout; Jean Grieves; John Sayles; Jeanne Hastings; Brian.
- **On their anniversary: 22nd Derek Kenny; 24th John Spiers; 26th Anthony Crowther; 28th Andrew Stevens**

NOTICES

Tea and Biccies every Monday in January! 50p for your first cuppa (refills free).

Biscuits are 50p. All welcome to come to the Village Hall for

a Winter Warmer on 23rd and 30th January. 2.00 – 4.30pm.

Tea/coffee, biscuits, chat **and now entertainment!**

Mon 23rd – The Four Fivers and The Two Ronnies at 2pm



Lambstails – Tuesday Mornings, Findon Village Hall, 10.30am.

Parent and Toddler Group for babies, toddlers and their parents/carers.

Please note currently no Lambstails on the **third** Tuesday of the month.

For more information contact Sue Stone - belgiumsue@hotmail.com

Sunday 29th January

Bishop Ruth will be presiding at the 10am Parish Eucharist at Clapham for the fifth Sunday Service in January. No other main service will take place in the Parish that morning. It would be nice to see as many people as possible.

Light Lunch @ 1pm – the next lunch will be on **Tues 31st January** in Findon Village Hall. Everyone welcome. £6.



Messy Church starts again on Tuesday 7 February.

Meeting in Findon Village Hall from 3.30pm. For more information contact Hilary Langford – fishponds2@hotmail.co.uk



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