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As in previous years we will be organising a fundraising raffle with lots of exciting prizes including a Christmas hamper, Peckham's meat voucher, wine and chocolates. Tickets are available at Peckhams Butchers as well as on the evening of the Turn On.

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Thank you *from Sue, Gez and the Team.*



We would like to wish all our
readers and contributors

**A very Happy Christmas
and a Joyful New Year**

*From the magazine team -
Alan, Hilary, Sally and Monica*
NB. There will be **no**
Findon News in January



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From The Rectory

Another year over, where does the time go? As I write to meet today's deadline for the magazine, I'm aware that we've just celebrated the Feast of Christ the King – the last Sunday of this Church year. Unlike the secular world, our New Year begins on Advent Sunday (27th November this year) not January 1st with the calendar! Advent literally means the arrival of a notable person or thing; we might speak of the advent of computer technology for example.

For Christians, Advent is the 4 week period before Christmas, a time of preparation to welcome the Christ child anew into our hearts on Christmas morning. In many homes, preparation for Christmas means frenzied activity. Spending money we may not actually have to spare, fretting over what present to buy for each relative or friend – will they like it? Will it fit? Christian Advent is, or should be, a time of prayer and reflection, as we think about how God loves the world he created so much that he gave his only Son as a ransom for many, giving thanks and seeking to serve our God better in our daily lives

In the current financial climate, we all need to take stock, to think about how and where we spend our money. For many the choices are stark; food or warmth. As you consider gifts for loved ones, think about what they really need. Our gifts are a symbol of our love for other people, but love can be expressed in many ways, often not needing money at all! It so easy to write a quick message on a card and

Helena Buqué

stick it in the post – there, that's done for another year – but how much more meaningful it would be to make the time to pop in and see that person, have a chat and a cuppa perhaps. For many people, Christmas is a time to dread, lonely and isolated as the television promoted 'Family Christmas' from November onwards. Even a phone call can make such a difference to someone who is housebound. Yes, it is nice to receive cards with good wishes at this time of year (our first arrived yesterday, from Australia!) but how much better it is to be able to talk to someone!

Again, for many people, Christmas is over once the presents have been unwrapped. In the church, the Christmas Season continues until we remember the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, on February 2nd. In theory, our decorations could be left up until then, but it is a relief to get them packed away in early January according to the 12th night tradition, our homes 'back to normal' again. This year, Chris and I will celebrate our Christmas as usual here, then again in early January when we finally get to see our Grandchildren in Australia again. I look forward to sharing stories of my time away with you when I get back in April.

Wishing you all a reflective Advent, a peaceful and happy Christmas Season and every blessing for 2023.

Best wishes, *Helena*

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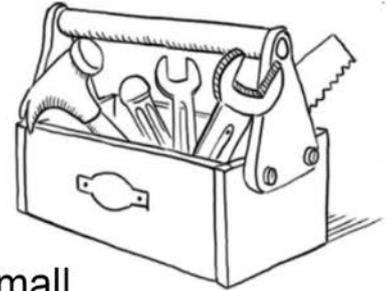
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PS Thanks to all who decorated Findon Church so beautifully for Remembrance Sunday. I was in Ferring Church that Sunday, as their Vicar retired in September, and the number of wreaths laid at the Village War Memorial was astounding! Perhaps next year our

village organisations would like to think about taking part and laying a wreath as we remember those who have lost their lives or sustained life changing injuries in conflict, while seeking peace and justice between nations.

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Well, I've just popped down to Findon Village Store, and what a feast greeted my eyes, in every sense of the word! In addition to the usual cards, wrapping paper and gift boxes, jingle bells shakers, mince pies and Christmas cake bites, Helen (our Deputy manager) and her niece have created a display to make your taste buds salivate, it's so attractive, colourful and appetizing. For children, (and the young at heart), there's advent calendars, candy canes, sugar mice, and all manner of festive confectionery. If you're feeling adventurous, a baking kit to make chocolate orange panettone might tick the box, or, if you want to spoil someone special (or even maybe yourself), there are gift-wrapped panettoni, filled with delights such as lemon or pistachio cream, and tins of Grandma Wild's biscuits. To help such delicacies go down smoothly, how about a bottle of Winter Secco, a spicy sparkling wine? How can you possibly resist! Maggie Martin has produced two beautiful Christmas cards from her watercolour paintings: one features the shop's plant cart and is competitively priced at £1.59, whilst all proceeds from the other, 'Christmas Blessings' (priced at £1.50), will go to St John's church. Christmas is a time to reflect and celebrate those we hold dear, and is a good opportunity to thank the staff, volunteers, Management Committee, buyers, customers, and anyone else who is involved in some capacity. Without so much active community support, the store would not be able to operate, and certainly not to the high level to which we all aspire. Newest volunteer, Steve Flitton, definitely deserves a mention – thank you.

We have just had our AGM, generously hosted by Geoffrey and Etta Wyatt, at Cissbury Barns. It is a beautiful, warm, and welcoming venue – thank you so very much. The Management Committee works hard to ensure that the Store operates on a sure financial footing to ensure long-term sustainability, and we voted to update our 'Model Rules for Community Ownership' to ensure that we are adhering to best practice and maintaining a high professional standard. Profits are returned to the village. This Christmas, we will be giving hampers to those who are in need, and making a donation towards the Christmas lights in the village, as well as contributing to St John's School's Swimming Pool Repair Fund. Very soon, the outside of the shop will be looking as festive as the inside, with the Grand Arrival of the Village Store Christmas tree (well, maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration). I can't wait! And, once again, we must thank the post office topper fairies who have continued to bring cheer and inspiration with their Hallowe'en and Armistice displays. They're a real draw to Findon Village, let alone the shop (or at least they should be). 'Turning Tides' is a local charity that works with the homeless, and there will be a basket for donations of non-perishable food from Friday 16th – Tuesday 20th December at the shop. This year, the need is greater than ever, while at the same time donations are fewer. It is difficult for everyone in the current climate, but, please, if you possibly can, consider giving a tin or two.

Now, having whet your appetite, I'm sure you are all on the edge of your seats wanting to know when the shop is going to be open during the Christmas and New Year breaks. So, now's the moment: the all-important opening hours are as follows:

Christmas Eve: 7am-4pm
Christmas Day: Closed
Boxing Day: 7am-12 noon
Tuesday 27th December: 7am-12 noon
New Year's Eve: 7am-4pm
New Year's Day: 7am-12.30pm

And finally, all that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and to remind you that if you need anything over the festive season, you can rely on your community shop to both lift your spirits and fill your bellies!

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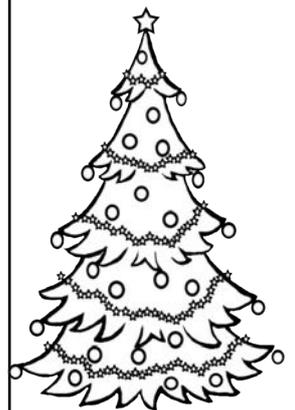
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Findon News
A snippet from the
Worthing Journal
October 2022

A sharp eyed reader noticed this paragraph in last month's Worthing Journal –

1963: Michael Sanderson, 18, of Nepfield Close Findon, printed the first issue of a new publication for the village called Findon News. More than 130 copies were sold generating a profit of 11 shillings.

Does anyone remember this?

Christmas Cracker Jokes?



A will is a dead giveaway.

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

A backward poet writes inverse.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

A calendar's days are numbered.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

Santa's little helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was prosecuted for littering.

Two silk-worms had a race; the result was a tie.

Old soldiers who survived mustard gas and pepper spray are now seasoned veterans,

Don't join dangerous cults; practice safe sects.

Ukrainian Aid

Maggie Martin received this letter of appreciation from British -Ukrainian Aid for monies collected in the village -

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Findon Village WI

We welcomed Maggie Martin to our November meeting who gave us a lovely talk on the work of The Cinnamon Trust. This national charity cares for the pets of elderly and terminally ill people, giving them peace of mind and practical help. Thank you Maggie for your warm, funny and informative presentation.

Gill Holmes won the competition with a photo of her beautiful dog, Evie.

Our next coffee morning is Monday 5th December, 10.30 at Dee Dee's

Paddy Winter - President

Our next meeting is **Thursday 8th December, 7.30pm**. This is a ticketed event - our Christmas buffet.

Our January meeting is our fun auction - a chance to bid for unwanted Christmas presents and raise money for charity.

There will be a raffle and coffee, tea and cake for all.

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200 Club

We had our FVHSC 200 club Autumn draw & social on the 19th November. We had a good attendance considering our clash of dates with Graham's Welsh choir event in the church.

Our winners were **162 Bob Barber £500**, **92 Bob Goodrum £200**, Keeping it in the family **35 Dorothy Barber £100**. Its all round to the Barbers for Xmas. **77 Joe Wadhams £50**, **110 D.Whittington £25** and **100 Alan Atkinson £25**. I challenged everyone's little grey cells with a quiz, and we hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

A total of £2250 was raised by the 200 club this year towards Village Hall funds, and a cheque was handed to Roger Stone, the Findon Village Hall Trust Chairman.

I wish to express our gratitude to the Events team for providing liquid refreshment, and also all our Collectors for helping to distribute the newsletters and collection of renewals.

Lastly we wish to thank all of you who support the FVHSC.

Alan Wadhams



Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair



**Saturday 3rd December
10.00am to 1.00pm.**

Findon Village Church.

Entrance £3 (Children free).

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Findon's Dairy History. Part 2

Norman Allcorn

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(Tolmare pond has long gone. Drained by the army in W. W. II. But I believe that there are still Barnard's in Findon.)

If we go back to 1919, we find Horace Hale at Tolmare being very successful with his Friesian herd. His neighbour, Col. Urlic Thynne, thought he would do the same. He built a model dairy and cow-stall and, using his considerable wealth, bought the best cows in the country. This herd was called the Hache herd for some reason that I don't understand. Its life was all too short, 1919-1928. Was this herd a victim of the inter-war years farming depression, or was it missing the expertise of master breeder Horace Hale? Despite its short life this herd made a difference to the breed.

Those were the days before artificial insemination and it was said that a bull was half of the herd. The trouble was that after three years his daughters were becoming mature so he then had a limited use. Farmers got over this by sharing bulls. Horace Hale and Col. Thynne shared a very good bull called Hedges Second Series. I find this an intriguing partnership between a working farmer and a military gentleman.

Today A.I. has long been used to spread the influence of good bulls. Sometimes referred to as the 'Bull in the Bowler Hat'.

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You will no doubt be aware of the new and very visible No U Turn signage on the A24 northbound opposite the Black Horse pub. FPC has been made

aware that there are vehicles ignoring this legal signage as they come out of the Findon Garden Centre and doing a U Turn to travel back south on the A24, rather than use the Findon Roundabout. It is only a matter of time before an accident occurs and FPC will be contacting Sussex Police on this matter.

The Open Spaces Volunteers Working Group and the Litter Clearance Group continue their good work in the village – if you see them in their Hi Viz jackets during December, I am sure they would not turn down an offer of a mince pie or two !!

Finally, as the Festive Season is now upon us and the Xmas Lights are in the village centre, we wish everyone a peaceful Xmas and New Year.

Cllr Sean Smith
Chairman, Findon Parish Council

Dedicated Wild Flower Areas for Findon Village

Findon Parish Council (FPC) wishes to designate four areas in the village (along the High Street, and in Cross Lane, Downview Road and Steep Lane) to become wild flower spaces. Following guidance from the Findon Village Gardens Association, there is a lot more to this than ‘meets the eye’ and can take up to seven years to perfect.

FPC is looking for around half a dozen volunteers to form a Wild Flower Group. If you are interested in encouraging flora and fauna in the village and would like to be part of the Group, please can you contact the Clerk, **Fiona MacLeod**, at either clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk or **01903 877225** as we are keen to get the Group started.



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Late one night in the pouring rain, a man rang from Horsham to say "There is a cat and three kittens living in a huge hedge in my front garden". I said "Well don't leave them there, go and bring them in out of the rain". I then heard the usual excuses "They're not mine, I have rung all the other rescues but they won't come out and help". I rang David one of our volunteers who said he would get up early and go and rescue them in the morning. Easier said than done. As soon as the kittens saw David they were off into the next garden. He wore thick gauntlets but was still scratched all over his arms, neck and face from the hedge and the blackberry bushes and one of the kittens who bit through a glove. He used our cat trap but only managed to catch mum twice! He let her go each time so the kittens would stay around. He returned for four days and with a giant trap borrowed from the City Cat Shelter in Brighton he managed to trap them all by November 5th. We were so relieved.

We were worried about them running off if the fireworks were bad. We now have them all safe in the warm and will now have their inoculations and flea and worm treatments sorted.

We had the usual fireworks going off for a week upsetting the animals. Not as bad as other years, but all the hens stopped laying, and Bruno one of our rescued dogs was terrified and now is so traumatised he follows me all day everywhere and won't settle at night. He keeps barking, won't go to bed, and just keeps pacing up and down even though he is worn out. A couple of the bangs were so loud he was sick everywhere.

We had two wasps nests all summer and had to avoid them, but luckily none of the volunteers got stung. Apparently they all die off in winter. As do the bees, only the queens survive when they hibernate. I asked Alexa.

Stacey

'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the towns,
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and pounds.

We sit here and wait and remember the days,
we were treated so fondly, with our cute baby ways.

Once we were little but we grew and we grew,
we are no longer young and no longer new.
Out the back door we were thrown like the trash.
No longer wanted, why were they so rash?

We were shut in the garden
or, worse left to roam, now abandoned,
unwanted and out of a home.
They drop us off here and bid us goodbye,
"Maybe, someone else will give us a try".

Now here we all are, confused and alone,
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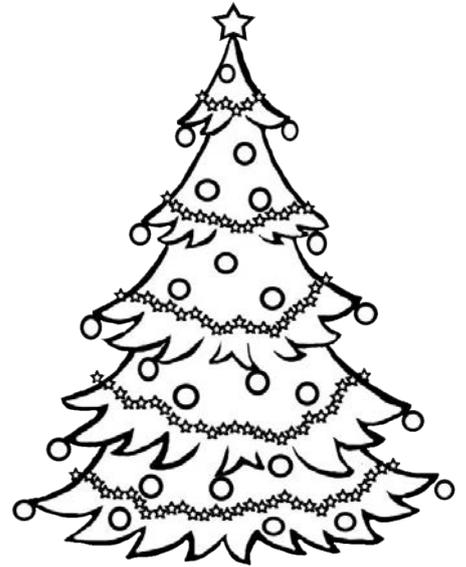
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Findon Village Gardens Association

Our scheduled speaker for October was unfortunately struck down with Covid just before our meeting and was unable to attend. Thankfully, our speaker for November, Chris Hare, stepped in at the last minute, with an enlightening talk on Worthing during World War II. He also showed a presentation of sheep fair photos, both recent and vintage (many of which showcased some spectacular beards).

We don't have a regular meeting in December, just our Christmas Social on 2nd December. Our next regular meeting is our AGM on 27th January, when we will also have a speaker – Bill Avenell. Bill's talk is titled "Why was the shepherd delighted?" and he will discuss weather lore; its origins and whether there is any truth in it.

Everyone is welcome to meetings, Members £2, Non-Members £3.



Congratulations

Best wishes to Pat Wilde of Cross Lane Findon who will celebrate her **100th birthday** on the 18th December 2022.

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Findon Planning Applications

Planning applications for Findon are under the authority of South Downs National Park and listed on the SDNPA website (www.southdowns.gov.uk).

Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website (<http://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates.

Discharge of Condition 4 (Cross Sections), Condition 5 (CEMP), Condition 6 (Earthworks), Condition 8 (Materials) and Condition 9 (Hard & Soft Landscaping) of Planning Appeal APP/Y9507/W/20/3254915 (SDNP/19/01876/FUL).

Soldiers Field House Soldiers Field Lane Findon BN14 0SH
Ref. No: SDNP/22/05295/

Felling of two beech trees

Findon Place Horsham Road Findon BN14 0RF
Ref. No: SDNP/22/05254/DDDT

Various tree works across entire site

Findon Place Horsham Road Findon West Sussex BN14 0RF
Ref. No: SDNP/22/05123/TPO

Detached outbuilding in front garden

High Bank 45 Cross Lane Findon BN14 0UB
Ref. No: SDNP/22/05141/HOUS



Please note that due to Findon News

publication deadlines, some applications may have already been placed before the Committee. Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC website regularly to view notices and meeting details.

Any enquiries should be address to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225.

Since the last issue of Findon News, the following Planning Applications have been posted on the SDNPA website:

Wedding pergola

Findon Manor Hotel High Street Findon BN14 0TA
Ref. No: SDNP/22/05046/LIS

Wedding pergola

Findon Manor Hotel High Street Findon West Sussex BN14 0TA
Ref. No: SDNP/22/05045/FUL

Extension to north side of existing dwelling, new porch to east elevation and raising of eaves and ridge on west facing projection and new roof extension on eastern roof slope to form first floor accommodation

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West Sussex County Council Buying Safely Online

This Black Friday & Christmas, will you be buying more than you bargained for?

There aren't many things we can't buy online, whether it's a Christmas present, holiday, a car, event tickets, a TV licence, a games console or trainers. However, scammers use fake websites, emails, texts and social media posts to advertise these and many other items that simply don't exist.

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And whether you've been defrauded out of 'only' a small sum of money or a large amount, the outcome is the same. After all, thousands of fake purchases of £10 add up to a lot of money for the fraudster.

The experts at Get Safe Online have compiled some expert, easy-to-follow safety tips to help protect you from purchase scams. One of the most important is that however desperate you are to buy an item, don't pay for it by transferring money directly to people or companies you

don't know. If it's a fraud, your bank may not be able to recover your money. If you can, pay by credit card.

Please read the tips at www.getsafeonline.org/buyingonline, and be sure to pass them on.



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Village Hall Diary December 2022

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Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes. Their details are available on the Village Hall website - www.findonvillagehall.net

Weekly	Day	Time
Just Yoga	Monday (Not Dec 26 th)	10:30am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	9.15am or 3.15pm on 20 th
Lambstails	Tuesday (only Dec 6 th)	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday (Not Dec 27 th)	4.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday (Not Dec 21 or 28)	19.00pm
Carpet Bowls	Thursday (Not Dec 29 th)	14.00pm
Pilates	Thursday (Not Dec 22 or 29)	9.30am/ 10.30am /11.45am
Tai Chi	Friday (Not Dec 30 th)	10:00am
Danceholics (fortnightly)	Sunday (Dec 4 th & 18 th)	18.30pm

Monthly	Date	Time
Parish Council Planning meeting	1st December	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	2 nd December	19.30pm
Parish Council Planning meeting	5 th December	19.00pm
Messy Church	6 th December	15.30pm
Findon Village WI	8 th December	19.30pm
Meditation	15 th December	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	20 th December	10am – 2.30pm

Dates for your Diary and Future Events

Friday 9th December – Michael Hackett’s Comedy Roadshow – 8pm. Tickets available from <https://skiddle.com/e/36166844>

Thursday 15th December – Live Nativity leaves FVHT carpark at 6.00pm

Friday 13th January – **New weekly class** - Body Breath Balance; 1.15 – 2.15pm

Friday 13th January Bright Lights Comedy Night – 8pm. Tickets available at <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/563619>

Friday 20th January – Film Night – Details of film TBC – 6.30pm

PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

DECEMBER 2022

Church Services for Advent and Christmas

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every **Tuesday**,
and Morning Prayer every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at 9.00am.

Sunday 4th December Advent 2	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Worship and Praise Service in Findon Church with "Cornerstone" Eucharist in Patching Church
Sunday 11th December Advent 3	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 18th December Advent 4	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 4.00pm	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Findon Church Eucharist in Clapham Church Candlelit Carols in Findon Church
Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve	3.00pm 11.30pm	Crib/Christingle Family Service in Findon Church Midnight Mass in Findon Church
Sunday 25th December Christmas Day	9.30am 10.00am	Eucharist in Findon Church Eucharist in Clapham Church



Additional Christmas Celebrations



Friday 9th December	7.30pm	Christmas Concert with 'Harvest Home' at Patching Church
Thursday 15th December	6.15pm	Walking Nativity in Findon Village, with carols in the garden of The Gun Inn
Saturday 17th December	4.00 – 6.00pm	'A Family Christmas' at Findon Village Hall
Monday 19th December	6.00pm 6.15pm	Carol Singing around Findon Village by the Monarch's Way Singers, starting at The Willows. Carols Round the Coals at Patching Church (starting at the Old Forge, arriving in the churchyard at 6.30pm)
Wednesday 21st December	6.00pm	Carols Round the Coals at Clapham (Clapham Lodge at 6pm (negative Covid test required), 6.30pm at the Church)

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PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

JANUARY 2023

January Services

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every **Tuesday**,
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*There is no Worship & Praise Service in Findon in January –
please join us on Sunday 5th February with ‘Cornerstone’*

Sunday 1st January Christmas 2	8.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Patching Church
Sunday 8th January Epiphany	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 15th January 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Findon Church Eucharist in Clapham Church
Sunday 22nd January 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion in Patching Church Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 29th January 4 th Sunday of Epiphany Presentation of Christ	8.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Parish Eucharist in Clapham Church



Messy Church – Starts again on Tuesday 7th February

3.30 - 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall

All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food!

Lambs Tails – Starts again in January (see details on website)

Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, & parents/carers.

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