

# Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

*Easter Day*



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church  
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church  
**348** Jesus Christ is ris'n today ; **17** All heav'n declares;  
**361** Jesus, stand among us; **672** Thine be the glory  
10.00am Eucharist in Patching Church (Rev. Felix Smith)

## 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

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – First Sunday after Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion in Clapham Church  
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church  
11.45am Baptism of Nancy in Patching Church

### **Collect for Easter Day**

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**



### **First Reading: Acts 10: 34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name'.

### **Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to

my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Other readings for today:*

*Jer. 31: 1-6; Ps. 118: 1-2, 14-24 (or 118: 14-24); Col. 3: 1-4; Matt. 28: 1-10*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Matt. 28:8-15*

#### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Acts 2: 36-41; Ps. 33: 4-5, 18-end; John 20: 11-18*

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Luke 24: 13-35*

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Luke 24: 35-48*

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

*John 21: 1-14*

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Mark 16: 9-15*

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday after Easter**

*Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 [or Exod. 14: 10-end; 15: 20-21]; Ps. 16; 1 Pet. 1: 3-9;*

*John 20: 19-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 Stable Lane, Woodland Close and France 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
- **RIP** – Lorena-Rose Koleva; Maurice Harwood

## NOTICES

### Easter Lilies

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Easter lilies, and also a big thank you to our flower arrangers for making all the churches look so beautiful today after the austerity of Lent.



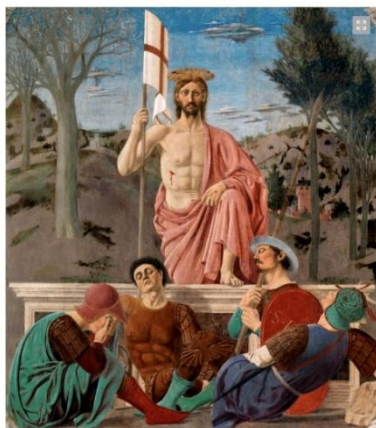
**The Ron Green Big Band Concert** in Findon Church, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm  
Tickets £7.50, £10 on the door. Contact Dom Timm – [fcpfamiliesworker@gmail.com](mailto:fcpfamiliesworker@gmail.com)

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM will be held at 11am on Sunday 10th May in Findon Church.

All welcome to attend.

Could people responsible for submitting reports for the APCM please send these to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The deadline is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April to allow time for the final APCM report to be completed. Thank you very much.



Piero della Francesca's depiction of the risen Christ looking directly at us as he emerges from the tomb



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Mon: 8am – 11am, Fri: 7.30am – 3.30pm